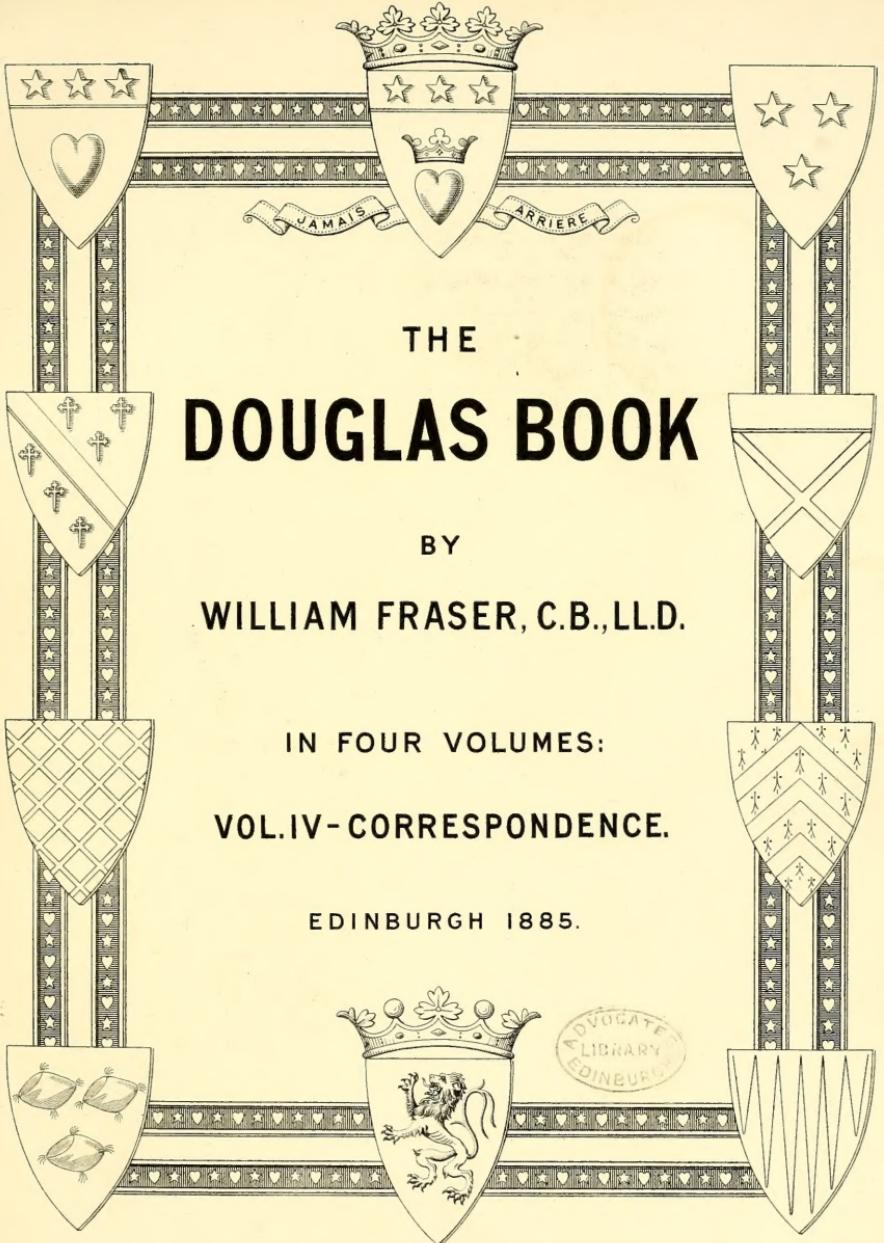


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57. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth of England, intimating that he had conferred with his Majesty's servitor, Edward Cook, and that he would faithfully fulfil his Majesty's desire, and had sent his trusty servitor, David Menzies, fully instructed as to his whole mind. Edinburgh, 29th October [circa 1515], 67

58. Gavin Douglas, Postulate of Arbroath, to Mr. Adam Williamson, referring to the death of the Bishop of Dunkeld three days previously, and intimating that the Queen had written to the Pope on his behalf for the vacant see; enclosing copies of the said letter for Mr. Adam to solicit similar letters from the King her brother; and complaining of the manner in which the Bishop of Moray had secured the bishopric of St. Andrews to himself, etc. Perth, 18th January [1515], 68

59. Gavin Douglas, Postulate of Arbroath, to Mr. Adam Williamson, acknowledging receipt of a recent communication from him, and assuring him that the Queen and his own friends would be glad to follow the King's views in the matter therein alluded to; but stating that it was impossible for them to do what he devised, for, though he and his lord and friends might come where they pleased, it would not be possible to carry the King nor his brother thither, though, with great difficulty, they might bring the Queen there in disguise, but not otherwise, and therefore some other remedy must be thought of; stating that if the King (of England) were to come with his army to Scotland and declare that his action was to secure justice and good rule, and obedience to the King his nephew and the Queen his sister, he would find many to take part with him, for the people were so oppressed by thieves and other extortions, that they would gladly live under the Grand Turk to have justice. He further requests Mr. Adam's interest for his promotion to the see of Dunkeld, etc. etc. Perth, 21st January [1515], 70

60. Gavin Douglas, Postulate of Arbroath, to Thomas, Lord Dacre, referring to the King of England's instructions sent to the Queen with Sir James Inglis, and her Highness's answer thereto, and to his having written to Mr. Adam Williamson a letter to be shown to his Lordship and to the King; assuring his Lordship that the Queen and all of his friends would be glad to fulfil the King's desire, if it were possible; and further requesting his Lordship's good offices for his promotion to the see of Dunkeld. Perth, 21st January [1515], 72

61. Thomas, Lord Dacre, to Mr. Gavin Douglas, Bishop-Elect of Dunkeld, transmitting to the latter a packet which he had received from the

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King, containing, <i>inter alia</i> , a brieve directed by the Pope to Mr. Gavin, and one directed to the Archbishop of St. Andrews, and intimating to him that the Pope, at the request of the Queen of Scots, and of her brother the King of England, had elected him Bishop of Dunkeld, and offering his congratulations on his promotion to that see, etc. Kirkoswald, 2d July [1515],.....	73
62. Thomas, Lord Dacre, to Cardinal Wolsey, complaining of the evil treatment which the Queen of Scotland had suffered for a year past, as fully shown by a letter under her Majesty's hand, which his Lordship enclosed ; intimating that she had been reduced to the necessity of pledging the plate and jewels which the King gave to her, and would soon be driven to poverty ; that he had drawn up a deed, in name of the Earl of Angus, whereby the latter renounced all right to intromit with the Queen's conjunct-fees, profits, or jewels ; and requesting that the Cardinal would inform him of the King's pleasure in the premises. Harbottle, 5th March [1518],	74
63. Gavin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld, and two others, ambassadors from Scotland in France, to Cardinal Wolsey, referring to their having been appointed by the King of Scotland to treat for peace and amity between France, England, and Scotland, and for universal concord in the Church of God, and requesting his Grace to procure for them a safe-conduct, which they expected to have received from the Duke of Albany's secretary. Abbeville, 27th June [1518].	75
64. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry Eighth of England, expressing his gratitude to the King for having, through the instrumentality of a Franciscan friar of the Observantine order, effected a reconciliation between his Lordship and his wife, King Henry's sister, and promising to render him all possible service, his allegiance to the King of Scotland only excepted ; mentioning also that his Lordship's brother, George Douglas, had been in France for two years at the command of the Duke of Albany and kept there without any cause or offence, and entreating King Henry to intercede with the King of France and the said Duke for the recall of the said George to Scotland. Dalkeith, 19th October [1519],	75

65. Thomas, Lord Dacre, to Cardinal Wolsey, informing him that the French King's servant had been unable to procure a safe-conduct to Scotland from the Duke of Albany, and that his Lordship had then procured a licence for him from the Humes; stating also that the Earl of Angus and his brother had sailed for France in two ships of war of the Duke of Albany's, the Lord Fleming and the King's Secretary being in their company; and entreating the Cardinal to write to the Pope in favour of the Bishop of Dunkeld being promoted to be Archbishop of St. Andrews, of which, report said, he was Postulate, and also in favour of Mr. Andrew Hume to be Prior of Coldingham. Castle of Norham, 14th March [1521], 77

66. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, recommending to his Grace's favour his uncle the Bishop of Dunkeld, who had been sent to the King of Scotland with certain instructions, which his Lordship trusted would be acceptable to the King and the Cardinal, and beseeching the latter that his uncle might be graciously received and his business expedited. Kirk of Style, 13th December [1521], 77

67. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, and Lords Home and Somerville, to King Henry the Eighth, recommending the Bishop of Dunkeld, as their envoy to his Majesty, to arrange certain matters connected with the security and welfare of the King of Scotland, and beseeching to be informed of his Majesty's pleasure thereanent as speedily as convenient. Kirk of Style, 14th December 1521, 78

68. Instructions by the Earl of Angus and Lords Home and Somerville to the Bishop of Dunkeld when sent as their envoy to King Henry Eighth of England, to confer with his Majesty respecting the security and welfare of King James the Fifth of Scotland, in view of the Duke of Albany's pretensions to the Crown of that kingdom, wherein it is suggested that the King's life was in danger, being in the Duke's power, and that he could not be safe in Scotland, etc. Kirk of Style, 14th December 1521, 79

69. Gavin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld, to Cardinal Wolsey, intimating his arrival in England as an envoy from the Earl of Angus and other

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Scottish Lords to King Henry the Eighth, and requesting his Grace to grant him an audience, and afterwards accompany him to his Majesty. Waltham Cross, 24th December [1521],.....	82
70. Gavin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld, to Cardinal Wolsey, intimating to his Grace the arrival of the Commendator of Glenluce, Secretary to the Duke of Albany, with the Ross herald and the Carrick pursuivant, entreating that he might have an audience of King Henry as soon as they, and suggesting that if he were made aware of their instructions, he might give the King and his Grace important information which would guide them in answering their petitions. He concludes by requesting the Cardinal to remember his "little matters at Rome." London, 31st December [1521],	82
71. Gavin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld, to Cardinal Wolsey, intimating that he had learned from his chaplain that the Duke of Albany's secretary had made a false statement regarding him to his Grace, namely, that he had promised not to enter the realm of England, and had requested his Grace, on the Duke's behalf, to detain him there, and not allow him to pass further; beseeching him not to credit such a statement coming from Albany, his deadly enemy, and not to suffer the safe-conduct granted to him to be broken. London, 1st January 1522,...	83
72. Gavin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld, to Cardinal Wolsey, referring to the arrival in London of a certain priest, Sir John Duncanson, with letters from the Duke of Albany and the Archbishop of Glasgow to be used in Flanders, France, and Rome, and who had presented an application to the King and the Cardinal for a safe-conduct; expressing suspicion that Sir John had been sent to injure him, and beseeching the Cardinal not to allow him passage until he knew more fully his instructions. London, 6th January 1522,	84
73. Gavin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld, to Cardinal Wolsey, referring in terms of the deepest grief to the defection of Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, from the King's party to that of the Duke of Albany, disavowing all previous knowledge of it, and declaring that he would never take part with the Duke nor the said Earl without his Grace's	

express command and advice, and that he would not return to Scotland so long as the Duke had the rule thereof. The letter concludes with a request to know whether his Grace would allow him an audience. Inn of Carlisle, 31st January 1522, 85

74. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, stating that the whole authority of the realm of Scotland had been put by his subjects into the King's hands, and that, so far as the Earl had power, neither the Duke nor any one else should have power to use it except his Majesty, and offers his own service to the Cardinal in whatever he could be of use to him. Abbey of Jedburgh, 24th July [1524], 87

75. Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, to King Henry the Eighth, intimating that the Earl of Angus had desired permission to present himself to King Henry, and to communicate to him certain things which affected him very seriously ; beseeching his Majesty not to be displeased with him for granting the permission requested ; and entreating his Majesty to be the Earl's good and gracious Lord, as without his royal favour and help the Earl and his friends in Scotland would be in great danger, and stating that no man in that realm was able to do his Majesty and the King of Scotland such service as the Earl could. Newcastle, 31st August [1524], 88

76. Thomas, Lord Dacre, to Cardinal Wolsey, intimating that in consequence of the Earl of Angus having remained in England so long, he had lost the most part of his friends and part takers in Scotland, whereby he was not so able to serve the King nor his Grace the Cardinal as if he had departed into Scotland, and that, therefore, he was then coming up in person to procure a licence from the King and his Grace to depart thither. Newcastle-on-Tyne, 31st August [1524], 89

77. Sir George Douglas, brother of the Earl of Angus, to the Duke of Norfolk, intimating that the Bishop of St. Andrews had been set at liberty at the pleasure of the Queen and the Earl of Arran ; insinuating that they must have few friends in Scotland when they released the Bishop to make him a friend, since he had been a great friend of the Duke of Albany, and urging that the Earl should be

forthwith despatched to Scotland in order to prevent the Earl of Arran from exercising an undue influence over the Queen, to the disadvantage of the Kings of both Scotland and England, and lest the Scottish Lords should join the Duke of Albany's party. Boncle, 24th October [1524], 89

78. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Margaret, Queen of Scots, intimating that he had been with the King her brother, by whom he had been so well received, that he was under an obligation to render him all the honour and service within his power, his allegiance to his own Sovereign only excepted ; that he was come to Scotland to serve the King his master and her Grace, and begging that she would grant him an audience. Boncle, 1st November [1524], 90

79. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, intimating that he had fulfilled his Majesty's instructions to the utmost of his power, for the service of the King of Scotland and the Queen his mother, although the latter was extremely opposed to the Earl, and sought by all means his destruction ; reminding his Majesty of his promise to take part with his Lordship against the Queen in the event of her not agreeing with him, and informing him that her Grace had spent the money his Majesty gave her upon his Lordship's enemies to invade him and his friends, and had sent persons inimical to him as ambassadors to his Majesty, to whom he besought the latter to give no credence. Tantallon, 28th November [1524], 92

80. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, reminding the latter that there were certain articles made between them at his departure for Scotland, which he had fulfilled and would fulfil to the utmost of his power ; intimating also that he had made offers to the Queen, as his Grace had commanded him, but that she would hear of no concord, but sought by all means his destruction, and had spent all the money that the King gave her upon his enemies ; and therefore beseeching the Cardinal not to suffer her to get more money, since she would not use his counsel ; also reminding his Grace that he had applied to him for the bishopric of Moray and the abbey of Melrose, both of which were vacant, and beseeching him for the bulls

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of them; entreating that he would give no credence to the Scottish ambassadors who had come to his Grace, as they were his Lordship's greatest enemies; and intimating that he had applied to King Henry for money to furnish 200 men to serve both the Scottish King and himself. Tantallon, 28th November [1524], 92

81. Mr. Magnus, the English ambassador, to Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, alluding to a report that the latter and the Earl of Lennox, with their servants, were using the monastery of Paisley as their own, to the great inconvenience of the monks and brethren, and expressing his surprise that their Lordships should do so, since the abbot bore such special favour to them both; and stating his belief that his faithful service to the King of Scotland would be rewarded by a reconciliation being effected between his Lordship and the Queen. Edinburgh, 14th December [1524], 93

82. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Mr. Thomas Magnus, the English ambassador, acknowledging receipt of the preceding letter, and denying that he and Lord Lennox intended to use the monastery of Paisley to the inconvenience and injury of the abbot and monks, and assuring him that they would do nothing to himself nor to his place, but to his pleasure. Kilmaurs, 15th December [1524], 95

83. Mr. Thomas Magnus, the English ambassador, to Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, informing him of the arrival at Dunbar of two galleys with the Duke of Albany's servants, and warning him not to allow the French favour to withdraw him from his allegiance to the young King his master; assuring him that his security stood in holding firmly by his said master, and meddling with no doubtful matters. December [1524], 96

84. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Mr. Thomas Magnus, the English ambassador, acknowledging receipt of the preceding letter, and assuring him that he would not allow himself to be circumvented by French favour, and that he would do his utmost to keep Lord Lennox and his other friends from the same; and referring to King Henry's promise to take part with his Lordship against the Queen, if she

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would not take his counsel, which, he believed, she had not done. Melrose, 1st January [1525],	96
85. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Mr. Thomas Magnus, the English ambassador, acknowledging a letter from the latter with assurances of the King of England's friendly disposition towards him; referring to the expressed belief of the ambassador that the Queen, through his efforts, would be reconciled to his Lordship, states that he cannot perceive this from her conduct, but is anxious to see it, etc. St. Andrews, 27th January [1525],	97
86. Sir George Douglas, brother of the Earl of Angus, to Sir Christopher Dacre, complaining that the latter had not come to Coldstream three days previously to meet with him, as representing Lord Angus his brother, who was unable to attend personally; stating his inability to remain there longer and requesting Sir Christopher to send any writings he had for Lord Angus or credence from King Henry to the Lady [Priorress] of Coldstream or the English ambassador, without delay. Coldstream, 31st January [1525],	98
87. William Douglas, Prior of Coldingham, to Cardinal Wolsey, reminding him that the King and his Grace had promised that diligence would be used at Rome respecting his benefice of Coldingham; stating that he understood that papal bulls were prepared, and desiring to know the truth in regard thereto as speedily as possible. Edinburgh, 1st March [1525],	99
88. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, stating that he had done his utmost to fulfil the promise that he had made to King Henry to establish unity and concord between the realms of Scotland and England, and to withdraw the nobles of Scotland from the interest of France and from the Duke of Albany, and had, with great pains and labour, succeeded with the most part of the Scottish Lords; referring to his bond not to intromit with the Queen's person, lands, nor goods until the English ambassador had ascertained from her if she would treat his Lordship as her husband, he states that he had ever offered his service to her Grace, but she still persevered in her opposition to	

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him and his party, and therefore he entreated that he might intromit with all that pertained to her that he had right to in reason and good conscience ; and concludes by reminding the Cardinal that he had got no answer from the King or his Grace to his application for the bishopric of Moray and the abbacy of Melrose, nor in reference to the bulls of the abbacy of Coldingham, which was promised to him. Edinburgh, 8th March [1525], 100

89. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, referring to the zealous efforts he had made for the welfare of both the realms, and to the request made to him by King Henry and the Cardinal that he would for a time abstain from intromitting with the lands and goods belonging to the Queen, in the hope that she might stand better affected to him, he beseeches that he might intromit with the Queen's lands and goods as far as he had right, and further he would not desire ; concluding by a request to have information regarding the vacant bishopric of Moray and the abbacies of Melrose and Coldingham. Edinburgh, 29th March [1525], 101

90. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, wherein he acknowledges his obligations to the latter, and promises him faithful and good service next after his allegiance to his own sovereign, the King of Scotland ; mentions that the Queen, his Majesty's sister, would not accept his humble suit and service, but remained at Stirling, away from her son, and under the influence of evil counsel ; and that he had kept the assurance taken in Parliament between the Queen and himself, and has not intromited with her lands, mails, farms, nor goods in the meantime, as the English ambassador could testify. Edinburgh, 8th June [1525], 103

91. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, enclosing a copy of the preceding letter to King Henry, and entreating him to continue to influence the King in his favour ; referring to the pains taken by the King and his Grace to effect a reconciliation between himself and the Queen, he expresses regret that she had not taken their counsel, and he concludes by thanking his Grace for his great labours and

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diligence anent his brother William's promotion to Coldingham. Edinburgh, 8th June [1525],	103
92. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, intimating that he had received his Majesty's letters, and had, with his ambas- sador, Mr. Thomas Magnus, delivered his Majesty's honourable gifts to his nephew the King of Scotland, which were most convenient for his sports both of hunting and hawking, and desired to return thanks to his Majesty for them and for other honourable gifts previously received from him. Edinburgh, 24th August [1525],.....	104
93. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, acknow- ledging, on behalf of the other Lords of Council of Scotland, his Majesty's "lovabill" letters delivered by Mr. Thomas Magnus, arch- dean of the East Riding, from which their Lordships perceived his Majesty's friendly and hearty respect for the honour of the King of Scotland their sovereign, and his desire for perfect amity and kind- ness between the two realms; stating that he himself had been diligent in soliciting all the Lords to bring the peace to a good and final conclusion ; and that their Lordships, with consent of Mr. Magnus, had appointed days of meeting with the English wardens for making redress of grievances on the part of the King of Scotland, and that he himself would attend personally at the next days of truce, and make redress to the utmost of his power ; and desiring his Majesty to give no credence to any sinister reports respecting him. Edinburgh, 31st December [1525],	105
94. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, acknowledging receipt of a letter from the latter, by which he perceived that his Grace was displeased with him for non-redress and due reformation on the part of the King of Scotland for breaches of the terms of the peace by Scotsmen upon the English Borders ; pleading important business of the King as his excuse for his non-attendance at the meetings on the Borders, and intimating that the Lords of the Privy Council had appointed him to meet with the English wardens for the purpose of such redress and reformation, and that he would do so. Edinburgh, 31st December [1525],	106

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95. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, and the Earls of Argyll and Lennox, to the Earl of Westmoreland, assuring the latter that although there were some evil-minded persons endeavouring to prevent a peace being concluded between England and Scotland, yet their Lordships would rather lose their lives than suffer these persons to attain their unhappy purpose, and would, with the assistance of the English King, either reduce them to obedience or bring them to confusion.
Edinburgh, 10th January [1526],..... 107

96. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Mr. Thomas Magnus, the English ambassador, expressing regret that through pressure of weighty matters it had been impossible for the Scottish Lords of Council to attend the meetings appointed to be held for redress of Border grievances, and requesting the ambassador to excuse his Lordship to the Earl of Westmoreland and other wardens for fifteen days longer; intimating the departure of the Scottish King with the Earls of Argyll, Lennox, and himself, with many noblemen to the number of 7000 foot and horse or thereby, from Edinburgh to Linlithgow, to resist the conspirators against his Majesty's authority, viz., the Earls of Arran, Eglinton, and Cassillis, Lords Ross, Sempill, Avandale, Hume, and others, who left the town on hearing of their approach, and prevented the Queen, with the Earl of Moray, the Bishop of Ross, and others, who were on their way from Stirling to Linlithgow, and caused them to proceed to Hamilton; and that the Earl of Moray had left the Queen's party and offered his service to the King, which had been accepted, etc. Edinburgh, 20th January [1526],..... 108

97. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Mr. Thomas Magnus, the English ambassador, apologising for his non-attendance at the meeting of the wardens on the day appointed by the Lords of Council, on account of letters from France from the Duke of Albany to certain of the Scottish Lords, and that he dared not leave the custody of the King's person for fear of danger, as all the Lords had left the town except Glasgow, Lennox, and himself; assuring the ambassador that thereafter he would do his utmost for redress and

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good rule on the Borders on the part of Scotland. Edinburgh, 15th March [1526],	110
98. Mr. Thomas Magnus, the English Ambassador, to Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, in reply to the preceding letter, reviewing the reasons alleged by the Earl for non-attendance on the Borders to meet the Earl of Westmoreland for redress of grievances, and suggesting that he might at least have sent his lieutenants or deputies to the meetings ; stating that the Abbot of Kelso had been at Berwick for the exchanging of the ratifications of the late peace ; impressing on his Lordship the expediency of his applying himself to keeping the days of truce better than heretofore ; and assuring him that if danger were threatened to the King's person, the English King would send speedy assistance on the application of his Lordship and the other Lords of the King's party. Berwick, 18th March [1526],	111
99. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, detailing an unsuccessful attempt on the part of the Earl of Lennox, with other nobles and others, to the number of 3000 men, to seize the King's person at Melrose on his return towards Edinburgh from the Middle Marches, where he had been for suppressing disorders, and to destroy Angus and his friends, who were with the King, accompanied by not more than 300 men ; and informing him that they afterwards convened at Stirling with a great army, and by advice of the Archbishops of St. Andrews and Glasgow, and others, removed to Linlithgow on their way to Edinburgh, to carry out their purpose of seizing the King ; and that, on information of their approach, his Lordship, the Earl of Arran, and others, met them near Linlithgow, and defeated their purpose. Edinburgh, 16th September [1526],	113
100. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, in reply to a letter from the latter expressing his Majesty's great joy at the failure of the late attempts to seize the person of his nephew the King of Scotland, thanking King Henry for his affectionate interest in King James, and stating his determination, with the help of the Earl of Arran and others, to carry out his Majesty's wishes with reference to the welfare of the Scottish King and his realm ; he concludes by	

detailling the efforts made by the King's party. Edinburgh, 28th October [1526],..... 114

101. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, thanking him on behalf of himself and the other Lords of Council, for his good-will towards their sovereign, and his care for the proper custody of his person, and assuring his Grace that the Scottish Council would, to the utmost of their power, follow his advice; and with reference to a statement in his Grace's letter to the Earl, that Patrick Sinclair was sent from the King of Scotland with letters and instructions to King Henry and his Grace, declares that neither Lord Arran nor himself knew of any such letters nor instructions; also that the Scottish Council would bring King Henry's letters, etc., before the Parliament in November following. Edinburgh, 28th October [1527],..... 115

102. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to the Earl of Northumberland, acknowledging receipt of letters from the latter, and expressing his readiness to meet with his Lordship, whenever the latter had leisure, in order to redress all Border grievances, and entreating that his Lordship would cause good rule to be kept on his side. Edinburgh, 30th March [1527], 116

103. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, acknowledging receipt of letters from his Majesty relative to the breaking of Newcastle prison by Sir William Lisle, his son, and others; stating that King James, after having received letters from his Majesty on the same subject, had summoned before him Lord Maxwell and himself, his wardens, and sharply reproved them for suffering reset to be given to transgressors of the laws of England; and promising that as soon as he could procure information respecting them, he would spare no pains in order to apprehend them and deliver them to King Henry's officers, as his Majesty desired. Holyroodhouse, 10th August 1527, 117

104. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, referring to his Majesty's letters to the King of Scotland requiring the apprehension of Sir William Lisle, his son, and their accomplices, stating

that the King his master had proclamations to be made in all parts of the Borders for the taking or slaying of them, and offering a great reward therefor, in the same manner as the Duke of Richmond had done on the English side; and assuring his Majesty that he would himself spare no pains to accomplish his desire in that and in all other matters. Holyroodhouse, 2d November 1527, 118

105. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, wherein, referring to the correspondence which had passed between the Kings of Scotland and England relative to the apprehension of Sir William Lisle, his son and accomplices, he assures the Cardinal that King James had caused strict proclamations to be made on the Borders and great rewards to be offered for the apprehension or slaying of these malefactors; and that he himself would do his utmost endeavours by night and day to accomplish King Henry's desire. Edinburgh, 2d November 1527, 119

106. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, craving his Grace to cause payment to be made to David Falconer, a merchant in Leith, for two ship-loads of salt sold by him to Robert Beaumont and others, Englishmen, and for which they refused to pay, in disregard of their bonds and obligations. Edinburgh, 27th November 1527, 120

107. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, informing him that the King of Scotland and the Queen his mother had written to King Henry, at the request of Archibald Douglas, the Earl's uncle, for licence to Alexander Kay, a Scotch merchant, to purchase grain and victual in England, and to bring the same to Scotland by English mariners, and requesting his Grace to solicit the King to the same effect. Edinburgh, 22d December [1527], 120

108. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, with reference to a letter received from the latter expressive of his gratification on account of his Lordship's good disposition, for the establishment and continuance of peace and amity between Scotland and England, and of his Grace's desire for the punishment of Sir William Lisle and his accomplices, stating that if he had done otherwise he would

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have proved himself unworthy of his loyal ancestors, and of the many special favours which he had received from King Henry and his Grace ; referring to a report that the Duke of Albany had received a safe-conduct from King Henry to return to Scotland, on the allegation that he had King James's consent therefor, which was contrary to truth ; and concludes by assuring his Grace that he would do his utmost without delay to use extreme diligence in the matter of Sir William Lisle and his accomplices, in the prosecution of which he had already spent much time, pains, and money. Holyroodhouse, 29th December 1527, 121

109. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, acknowledging receipt of a letter from his Majesty complaining of the delay in the taking of Sir William Lisle and his accomplices, etc. His Lordship assures his Majesty that he had spared no labour, travel, nor diligence, by night nor day, for the apprehension of the said persons, and to preclude them from all supply or comfort in Scotland, in consequence of which they had been compelled to surrender themselves to the English officers, for which, if his Majesty had been well informed, he would have given his warm thanks to the Scottish King, and well considered his Lordship's service therein, etc. Edinburgh, 28th March 1528, 123

110. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Lord Dacre, with reference to a letter from the latter complaining of the non-redress of recent disorders committed on the Border, which the Earl had shown to King James and his Council, informing his Lordship that the King had gone to Fife for holidays till near Easter, and then Lord Maxwell would be present, and justice would be done on the Borders. Edinburgh, 29th March [1528], 124

111. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, acknowledging a long letter from his Grace, bearing on many various and important matters, and, *inter alia*, reflecting on the want of energy on the part of the King and Council of Scotland in regard to the apprehension of Sir William Lisle and his accomplices, his Lordship states that if the King of England had been well informed in the subject he

would have known that his Lordship had been diligent and faithful in that behalf, seeing that through his persevering efforts Sir William had been reduced to the necessity of surrendering himself to King Henry's officers; and with reference to an allusion in his Grace's letter to the near termination of the treaty of peace, the Earl assures the former that the King of Scotland and his Council, remembering the kindness done to him and his realm in his minority, were resolved to render mutual kindness, correspondence, and friendship in return, and that the subject would be laid before a convention to be held after Easter, and the result communicated to King Henry and his Grace, etc. Edinburgh, 30th March 1528, 125

112. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Sir Christopher Dacre, intimating that the Scottish King and Council, with a view to repressing and punishing trespassers on the Borders, and to the restoration of tranquillity there, in terms of the treaty of peace between the realms, intended to proceed thither in person with an army on 22d June following, and requesting that the King of England's subjects within the bounds of the Border should assist in preventing the resetting of the said malefactors in England. Edinburgh, 27th May 1528, 128

113. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, thanking him for his friendly efforts with King James on his Lordship's behalf, but expressing regret that instead of being benefited thereby, or obtaining equity and justice, he was more harshly dealt with on account of having applied for his Majesty's intervention, and a doom pronounced against him and his friends involving their lives, lands, and goods, contrary to the laws of the realm, considering that he was innocent of the crimes alleged against him, as he would shortly prove to his Majesty; entreating him not to suffer him to be injured or oppressed by his enemies, but to command the Earl of Northumberland to defend him in his just action and quarrel, as his only hope was in his Majesty. Coldingham Abbey, 10th September 1528, 129

114. The Chancellor and Privy Council of Scotland to King Henry the Eighth, wherein, after referring to his Majesty's letters to the King of Scotland, which were conceived in great kindness, love, and

wisdom, and for which, on their sovereign's behalf, their thanks and service were due to his Majesty, they intimate that King James had summoned a Parliament which had impartially deliberated respecting the crimes charged against Archibald, sometime Earl of Angus, and had found him guilty thereof, and entreat King Henry to assist their sovereign and them in all cases, assuring his Majesty of their desire to entertain good love, amity, friendship, and justice between the realms, etc. Edinburgh, 10th September 1528, 130

115. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to the Earl of Northumberland, intimating that at the sinister solicitation of enemies, viz., the Earls of Argyll, Arran, Lord Maxwell, and others, his sovereign the King of Scotland had led a forfeiture on him and his friends contrary to the laws of the realm, for no fault of his, as he would answer to God, and his enemies persevering in their malice, intended to cause the King besiege his houses, and obtain artillery and munition from Dunbar, and pursue him and his friends to the death, or expel them from the country ; referring his Lordship for more ample information to the bearer of the letter, by whom he had sent letters to King Henry and the Cardinal for help and supply, and that he and his might resort to England, and entreating the Earl to stand his friend with the King and the Cardinal. Coldingham Abbey, 11th September 1528, 131

116. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, expressing gratitude for the great humanity, faith, and kindness he had at all times received from his Grace, and his earnest desire that he might do the King of England and his Grace faithful and true service ere he died ; intimating that, notwithstanding their friendly offices, his sovereign, King James, by evil counsel of his enemies, had caused a pretended forfeiture to be led against him and his friends, contrary to reason, justice, and common law, and intended to besiege his houses and pursue himself to the death, or expel him from the country, unless King Henry and his Grace interfered. Coldingham Abbey, 11th September 1528, 132

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117. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, introducing his Lordship's brother-german, Sir George Douglas, who was instructed to communicate to his Majesty his Lordship's whole mind and resolution, and entreating his Highness to hear his brother gladly and give him firm credence, considering that his Lordship was so wrongfully treated by his enemies, unless his Highness provided a remedy. Coldingham Abbey, [14th] September 1528, 134

118. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, introducing to his Grace his Lordship's brother-german, the bearer of his letter, who was instructed as to his firm resolution and true intention in regard to all things; entreating his Grace, who had pacified the most part of Christendom, to use his endeavours to redress and reform the manifest wrong done to him, who had ever been, and should ever be, a faithful servant to King Henry and his Grace, and not suffer him to be so cruelly oppressed and overthrown as his enemies intended he should be. Coldingham Abbey, 14th September 1528, 134

119. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to the Earl of Northumberland, in terms similar to the immediately preceding letter, recommending the bearer, his brother-german, to the Earl as having full knowledge of his Lordship's resolutions and intentions in all things; and entreating the Earl to give his brother the best counsel he could in his Lordship's affairs, and to stand his good lord at that his time of need. Coldingham Abbey, 14th September 1528, 135

120. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to the Earl of Northumberland, intimating that the King of Scotland had come with a great force on the previous day to Coldingham, and placed Lord Hume and his brother the Abbot of Jedburgh in Coldingham to keep it; but that his Lordship had repulsed them, and that the King was affrighted and durst not remain half an hour, and never dismounted till he reached Dunbar; and entreating the Earl, as he knew that the King was to besiege his Lordship's houses on the 14th of that month, to write to King Henry that he might obtain the help of his Majesty and of his Lordship against the said day. Coldingham, 4th October 1528, ... 136

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121. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, intimating that the English and Scottish Commissioners had met at Berwick on 8th November, and had appointed another meeting to be held in the same place, on the 9th December following, for the final conclusion of peace; and entreating his Majesty to write to the English Commissioners, commanding that no peace nor truce should be made with Scotland, unless his Lordship's matters were redressed therein; for if the truce were concluded without his affairs being ordered therein, he and his friends would be utterly destroyed and put down for ever, and would never be able to serve his Majesty, for the peace that Scotland desired was only for his destruction. Coldingham Abbey, 13th November 1528, 136

122. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to the Earl of Northumberland, informing him that on the 18th of October past King James had assembled his army, and with his own artillery and that of Dunbar Castle in great quantity, had so sharply besieged his Lordship's house of Tantallon, both by guns and ingenious men, both Scotch and French, that so much effort and expense had never before been expended for the taking of any house in Scotland; that on 4th November the King had removed to Edinburgh, leaving a band of foot and a company of horse to convey home the artillery; that his Lordship, with 160 horsemen of his own, pursued them, and, a little after the moon rose, attacked and defeated them all, both horse and foot, and slew David Falconer, the chief captain of the foot, took prisoner another captain with the master of the artillery, and had all in his power, but would not dishonour the King by detaining his artillery, and convoyed it himself till it was out of danger, etc. Coldingham Abbey, [14th] November 1528, 137

123. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Cardinal Wolsey, representing that in consequence of the severity with which he was pursued, he could not well remain in Scotland, as the bearer would more fully explain, and beseeching his Grace to stand his good lord and further his affairs, which were now in extremity. Preston, 18th May 1529, ... 139

124. Agreement made between King Henry the Eighth and Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, narrating that the latter, in the event of the former making war on Scotland, had promised faithfully to assist him therein to the utmost of his power, wherefore his Majesty, in the event of such war, and of the Earl, at the commencement thereof, owning his Majesty supreme lord of Scotland and his sovereign, bound himself to pay £1000 to his Lordship yearly till he should, through his Majesty's means, be put into possession of his lands in Scotland, and not to make peace with the King of Scots without restitution of the Earl's lands, etc. 25th August 1532, 139

125. Sir George Douglas, brother of the Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, thanking his Majesty for his gracious letter to the Earl his brother, his uncle, and himself, and for his Highness's reward sent to them by his chamberlain, and requesting to be informed of his Majesty's pleasure as to the disposal of the custody of the tower called the Cawmills, of which the Earl of Northumberland, in his Majesty's name, had recently appointed him keeper till his Highness's pleasure regarding it were known, the keeping of which was very displeasing to Scotland, though advantageous to England, especially to the town of Berwick. Berwick, 9th February [1533], 140

126. Sir George Douglas to Mr. Cromwell, member of the Council of the King of England, intimating his fear that the Scots would, without delay, come with force and besiege the Cawmills, which, as his Lordship knew, was not built to resist great power, and requesting, since the Commissioners were not agreed in the matter, to know the King's pleasure as to what he should do with the said house, adding that if his Majesty desired that he should keep it, it must be built and made strong, and urging expedition in forwarding the King's instructions. Newcastle, 10th July [1533], 141

127. Memorandum of particulars to be contained in a letter from King Henry the Eighth to the King of Scots, in favour of Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, and his brother, namely, to set forth that they had ever been faithful and true to their said King, and to plead for the

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restoration of their possessions and lands as before his Lordship's exile, etc. [September 1534],	142
128. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to his brother Sir George Douglas, acknowledging receipt of a letter from the latter by Patrick Nisbet, with whom he had conversed at length ; stating that he had been desired by friends in Scotland to request his brother to speak with Mr. Adam Otterburn, and entreat him to take a friendly interest in their matters, as he had influence, and could be spoken to there without suspicion ; requesting also that Sir George would pray King Henry to request Lord William to speak earnestly to the King of Scotland on his Lordship's behalf, as they (the Earl and his brother) should instruct him ; stating that the King was then at Crawfordjohn, and had written to the clergy to give up their right to the "cross-presands and the owmost claytht" [funeral gifts, and coverlet] through all Scotland ; that there should be no more teind, and that every man should have his own teind for payment of the same sum as he paid to his landlord for his mavis ; and adding that the churchmen of Scotland were never more discontented. Berwick, 24th March [1536],	143
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131. Instructions by King Henry the Eighth to Sir George Douglas, relative to the treaty to be made for the marriage of the young Queen of Scotland with the Prince of England: The articles provide, *inter alia*, for the delivery of the Queen's person to King Henry or the Prince at the age of eight or ten years, six Earls and two bishops to be hostages for such delivery of the Queen's person; also that she should meantime be in custody of Scottish Lords appointed by Parliament—Lords Erskine and Seton only excepted,—and that the marriage should be solemnised on her attaining the age of twelve at furthest, etc. [May 1543], 149

132. James, Earl of Arran, Governor of Scotland, to Sir George Douglas and others, referring to the overture made to his Lordship by King Henry for the marriage of his daughter, the Princess Elizabeth, to James, Lord Hamilton, his son and apparent heir, and expressing his thanks for the honour his Majesty had conferred on him by this offer. He further authorises Sir George to treat for the accomplishment of the contract of marriage. [6th May 1543], 151

133. James, Earl of Arran, Governor of Scotland, to Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, complaining of the conduct of Sir Ralph Sadler, the English ambassador, in maintaining a private correspondence with nobles and others in Scotland, contrary to the welfare of the realm, especially in time of war, notwithstanding that he had failed to exhibit his commission, though charged to do so; and that he continued to corrupt, by means of bribes, the great men of the realm; charging the Earl to dismiss Sir Ralph out of his house of Tantallon, to allay the suspicion of his own connivance, and restore his Lordship to the love and favour of the Scottish nobility. Lindores, 17th November 1543, 151

134. James, Earl of Arran, Governor of Scotland, to Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, with reference to the request of the latter for a charge to remove Sir Ralph Sadler from his house of Tantallon, stating that the reason of his displeasure at Sir Ralph's presence there, was, that he did not conduct himself as an ambassador, but daily attempted to seduce the faithful subjects of Scotland to the opinion of England; he expresses surprise that the Earl should ask a warrant from the whole of the Lords, and not esteem his (the Governor's) authority sufficient to discharge an Englishman from this country in time of war; and sends again the Rothesay Herald to charge him in the Queen's name and his own to cause Sir Ralph depart homeward. Linlithgow, 26th November [1543]. 152

135. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, by his Majesty's chaplain, wherein his Lordship expresses a desire to know that his Majesty was assured of his attachment to his service, which he declared should continue while his Lordship lived, notwithstanding that the contrary had been vehemently stated to his Majesty; and asks him to give credence to the bearer of his letter. Dalkeith, 5th March [1545], 153

136. Sir George Douglas, brother of Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Sir Ralph Eure, wherein he refers to the landing of two French ships; that intimation had come to the Queen and the Cardinal of the French King's having sent to the Regent the Order of France and 40,000 crowns in money; that Captain Lorge Montgomery was coming

with 6000 men and six months' provisions, and 400,000 crowns of the sun; also, 40,000 men from France, under command of the Duke of Guise; states that he had caused his brother the Earl of Angus to deliver his commission of lieutenancy before the Governor and Council, but that the Governor could not discharge him of his office, and suggesting that the English King should make proclamations on the Borders that though the treaty for peace and for the contract of marriage made at London had been falsely broken by evil-disposed Scotsmen, yet his Majesty would defend in their lives, lands, and goods, all true Scotsmen who would maintain and fortify the said peace and contract, and prosecute those who opposed the same with fire and sword to the utmost extremity, etc. [February 1545], 153

137. Sir George Douglas, brother of Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to King Henry the Eighth, intimating that as he was informed that his Majesty was much displeased with him, he would not have ventured to write to him, had not Sir Ralph Eure expressed his belief that his Majesty was not so displeased with him as had been represented, and desiring to know his Majesty's pleasure in writing, which would add greatly to his comfort. Edinburgh, 15th February [1545],..... 156

138. Sir George Douglas to King Henry the Eighth, acknowledging a gracious letter from the latter showing that he still enjoyed his Majesty's favour, and stating that he had ever held the same views as his Majesty till he was imprisoned in Edinburgh Castle, where he would have lost his life had not his Majesty's army come to Scotland, though during his imprisonment the English had burnt and taken away all his goods; that he had lost £1000 more than any Scotsman in Scotland, notwithstanding his true service to his Majesty; informs his Majesty that the report in Scotland was that if he were master of the realm he would reduce the gentlemen to the condition of shepherds, which was alienating the minds of the people from him; and that he (Sir George), since he knew his Majesty's sentiments, would propose to the Queen, Lords, and Regent to enter the Scottish prisoners, after which his Majesty would be willing to treat for a marriage between the Queen of Scots and the Prince of England, and for peace

between the kingdoms ; but as the Queen was at Stirling, the Regent at Lauder, and the Lords chiefly at their own homes, the answer might be delayed for a time. Lauder, 25th February [1545],..... 157

139. Sir George Douglas to Sir Ralph Eure, Warden of the Middle Marches, enclosing a letter to King Henry, and stating that he could not so soon inform his Majesty of what he desired to know ; that he had written to him respecting his plate and other property in Berwick, and requesting Sir Ralph to move his Majesty to cause his property to be restored to him. Lauder, 25th February [1545], 159

140. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, Sir George Douglas, and the Sheriff of Ayr, to the Earl of Cassillis, in form of a memorandum taken by the servant of the latter, to the effect that they would do their utmost to promote the peace between the kingdoms and the marriage between the Queen of Scots and the Prince of England, or anything else not contrary to the welfare of Scotland ; and that the Sheriff of Ayr believed the Earl of Argyll would do the same, and would attend the next convention in Edinburgh. [March 1545],..... 159

141. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, the Earls Marischal and Cassillis, and Sir George Douglas, to the Earl of Hertford, expressing their determination to serve King Henry in promoting the peace and marriage, which they were assured were for the welfare of both realms, and advising that his Majesty should suddenly come with an army to the east and west Borders, provided for remaining a long time ; and that proclamation should be made that his Majesty's purpose was not to hurt the kingdom nor any one friendly to the peace and marriage ; and requesting that his Grace would, if he approved of this course, make known his mind to them, etc. Melrose, 16th August [1545], 160

142. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, the Earls Marischal and Cassillis, and Sir George Douglas, to the Earl of Hertford, intimating that if the King of England expected service from them, they must be made aware of his proceedings and be treated as friends, since none would be more disappointed than they if his Majesty's purposes were not effected, and expressing their conviction that all things necessary for his success would be provided, etc. Irvine, 9th September [1545], 161

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143. Sir George Douglas, brother of Archibald, Earl of Angus, to the Earl of Hertford, Lord-Lieutenant of England, stating that he had heard of the troubles the latter had caused in Teviotdale and Merse, and requesting that he would be favourable to his kinsmen and servants, the Lairds of Wedderburn, Blackadder, and West Nisbet, and to his lands of Coldingham and Bunkle, for old friendship's sake. Tantallon, 20th September 1545,	162
144. Sir George Douglas, brother of the Earl of Angus, to the Earl of Hertford, Lord-Lieutenant of England, advising that two armies should enter Scotland at the east and west respectively—their provisions coming by sea—one army to come from Berwick along the coast to Edinburgh, the other to land at Dumbarton, and both to meet at Stirling, to remain in Scotland till they took the strongholds and put garrisons therein, which might be done before assistance could come from France ; recommending that the Earl of Lennox should come with the army of the west, as the people there loved him and hated the Regent and the Cardinal ; that Sir George himself should be empowered to promise security in life, lands, and goods to all who should assist towards the treaty of peace and the contract of marriage, etc. [September 1545],	163
145. Lord Grey to the Earl of Somerset, containing the details of a plan proposed by Sir George Douglas for the invasion of Scotland by the army of England, which was to consist of 6000 men—2500 able horsemen, the rest to be footmen on horseback ; Lord Grey with 4000 to go to Jedburgh and remain there one night, thence proceed to Selkirk and Hawick, thence to Peebles, thence to Lanark, Glasgow, and Stirling, summoning the leading men in each district where they halted, and commanding that no hurt be done by them or theirs to the King's army, but that all should do their utmost to aid and promote his Majesty's service ; indicating also the strongholds in the different localities which should be taken, as Nethan, Glasgow, Linlithgow, Stirling, etc. [20th October 1547],	164
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147. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to the Earl of Lennox, intimating that he had heard of the coming of the latter and the Lord Warden to his neighbourhood, and had written to the Warden requesting that he would be friendly to him and his friends, which he believed his Lordship would also prove to be ; and desiring to know his Lordship's good intentions towards him and his friends in that journey. Drumlanrig, 22d February 1547, 168

148. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Lord Wharton, Warden of the West Marches, referring to letters from the latter desiring him to forward the godly purpose of which his Lordship had often before written, and expressing his trust that the King's Council, the Lord Protector, and the Warden, would trust to his hand and seal that he would perform his duty therein ; requesting his Lordship to certify him by the bearer, his servant, if his friends and servants should be untroubled by him and his. Drumlanrig, 22d February 1547, 169

149. Matthew, Earl of Lennox, and Thomas, Lord Wharton, to the Earl of Angus, acknowledging receipt of letters from the latter expressive of his determination to promote the peace and marriage to the utmost of his power, and that they had heard the assurance of the Laird of Bonjedworth and James Lindsay to the same effect ; and stating that they would favour all those who would aid and promote the said peace and marriage. Lochar Briggs, 22d February 1547, 170

150. William, Lord Grey, to Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, that he intended to destroy certain places which might relieve the French at their coming, and intimating the fact to the Earl, as a friend of King Henry, that his Lordship might not be alarmed nor displeased if any injury should unavoidably be done to any of his friends in carrying out these designs, as they should be recompensed therefor if they remained friendly. [4th June 1548], 170

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151. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to his daughter, Margaret, Countess of Lennox, informing her that, by accident, the house of Dalkeith had been destroyed, and the Laird of Glenbervie, the Master of Morton, George Douglas the Earl's son, David Home of Wedderburne, and Alexander Home his uncle, taken forth of it; and entreating her Ladyship to endeavour to get some of them put into friends' hands, especially the Laird of Glenbervie, who was a delicate man with nine motherless children. Edinburgh, 20th June 1548,..... 171

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153. Margaret, Countess of Lennox, to her father, Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, desiring his blessing, yet complaining of the great unnaturalness which he showed her daily, mentioning especially that Lord Lennox, being near him and desirous to have spoken with him, he refused, and would not, although he had frequently said that he would be glad to speak with him; reminding her father of the kindness he had received from her in England, which, from his opposition to the King of England's views, he appeared to have forgotten, and blaming the self-will of the Scottish nobles for all the evils which had befallen them, for if they had agreed to the marriage proposed, there need

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154. Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Richard Graham of Berentyne, wherein he intimates that he was come to his castle of Crawford for settling causes among his own people, and had heard that proclamation had been made at Carlisle that all men might make raid upon the lairds of Skyring, Bonningtoun, Covinstoun, Carmichael, Lee, Glascune, and Jerviswoode, the town of Lanark, and others his Lordship's servants, and that nothing was left that was not proclaimed free except his own proper heritage, and requesting Mr. Richard to inform him if such was the case ; adding that he would take no shame now in his old days, for he had suffered damage enough already, for Covinstoun and Carmichael were then in Carlisle with the Captain of Crawfurd. Castle of Crawfurd, 16th November 1553, ... 174

155. James Douglas, Earl of Morton, to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, referring to a recent disturbance between the castle and the town of Edinburgh, which, it had been discovered, was occasioned by some wrong dealing of the townspeople who kept the West Port ; he states that after conference with the Chancellor [John Lord Glamis, late Chancellor], Lords Ruthven and Herries, he had agreed to deliver up the custody of the castle to the King or any one his Majesty might appoint to receive the same, on obtaining a sufficient discharge for the jewels, moveables, and ammunition therein ; adding that the report in Dalkeith was that they intended to demand delivery of the castle under pain of treason, which, if true, would be hurtful to his Majesty, as the persons entering thereto might take possession of the jewels, etc., which his Lordship had with great labour recovered and carefully kept ; and requesting the Earl of Angus to procure a respite for the writer's brother the captain, the constable, and those that were with them, for the recent unhappy slaughter in Edinburgh. Dalkeith, 19th March 1577,..... 175

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156. Robert Bowes, the English Ambassador, to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, intimating that on conferring with the Lords in Edinburgh, he had found them reasonably disposed both to lay aside all arms and violent enterprise, and for timely pacifying all discontents by loyalty and dutiful obedience to their King, and also to refer their causes to the determination of unbiased persons; expressing his hope that the disorders would speedily be ended, and entreating his Lordship to avoid everything that would hinder the progress of these pacific measures, and would take care that the peace should be preserved, and no force brought to give offence to the Lords or their friends. Edinburgh, 28th July 1578,..... 176

157. Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, to Sir Francis Walsingham, Secretary to Queen Elizabeth, expressing his grateful sense of the Queen's loving care of him, and his unfeigned desire to do her Majesty acceptable service; explaining for her Majesty's information the reason of his departure from Scotland and of his remaining in Carlisle; he expresses his readiness to be employed in whatever her Majesty might think convenient to be done for removing disorders, and his intention to send his cousin, Mr. Archibald Douglas, to explain more fully to her the state of matters in Scotland; requesting Sir Francis to procure a licence for the said Mr. Archibald to repair to her Majesty for theforesaid purpose. Carlisle, 30th June 1581, 177

158. Mr. Archibald Douglas (afterwards Scots Ambassador at the English Court) to Mary Queen of Scots, wherein he alludes to the French Ambassador being suspicious of his fidelity to her Majesty, and had referred him to the Duke of Guise, who had a commission to transact all her affairs, to solicit his influence with her Majesty in his favour, and had also advised him to counsel the Earl of Angus to do the same, otherwise to leave him and reveal his secrets, neither of which courses he (Mr. Archibald) considered honourable, nor likely to be approved by her Majesty in her heart; adding that his honour and reputation were all that now remained to him of the whole wealth of fortune he once possessed, and that had chiefly moved him to adhere to the Lairds of Grange and Lethington in all their trouble,

and not to accuse the Earl of Mortoun for his unnatural cruelty towards himself, and would also prevent him from divulging the secrets of the Earl of Angus, communicated to him under the seal of friendship ; admitting that he had dissuaded the Earl from selling his service to those who laboured to obtain their personal advantage by the hurt and ruin of others, and declared to him that he himself would never receive a pension or aught that would make him suspected by his own sovereign, and that the course the Earl had followed was one he could not approve, though he believed he might still be reclaimed ; and expressing his belief that if, by her Majesty's intercession with her son the King of Scots, the Earl's estates might be restored to him with his Majesty's favour, he would either retire to France or to Scotland, and conduct himself as his Majesty should command, etc. 28th August 1582, 178

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162. William, ninth Earl of Angus, to William, seventh Earl of Morton, intimating that he had received a letter from the King desiring his presence in Edinburgh on the 11th April, to see justice executed on those who had attempted mischievous practices against his Majesty's	

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165. Sir John Carmichael to William, tenth Earl of Angus, intimating that he had spoken at great length with the King as to his Lordship's matters, and that his Majesty, at his earnest suit, had promised that if his Lordship would acknowledge his offence and crave his Majesty's mercy, he should neither be in danger of his life, lands, nor honours, so that the greatest danger he could incur would be to remain in ward till matters were settled; adding that though his Lordship esteemed him an enemy before, he was a friend, and gave him the best counsel, though he had not accepted it; and that he alone had prevented both him and James Douglas from being beheaded when in Edinburgh in the time of the Parliament, etc. Edinburgh [*circa* 1593], 188

166. King James the Sixth to John Wishart of Pittarrow and others, granting licence to them to confer with William, sometime Earl of Angus, touching his obedience to his Majesty and the kirk, and also concerning some particulars between him and the Duke of Lennox regarding the estate of Angus. 1595, 189

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170. William, tenth Earl of Angus, to King James the Sixth, wherein, after referring to his long confinement in Glasgow, far from his friends, and in the power of his enemies, he expresses his great grief on account of the General Assembly having passed an act for his excommunication, as his greatest care had ever been that he might end his days (which would not be long) at peace with God and in his Majesty's obedience, and requests his Majesty's permission either to leave Scotland, never to return, or else that he might be confined within one of his own houses and so many miles around it, where he would be glad to live as a private subject, and not interfere in public affairs except by his Majesty's direction. Glasgow, 10th August 1608, ... 193

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197. John Selby, Depute English Warden, to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, stating that he had caused all of John a-Whytton's goods that were alive to be offered to him in accordance with the order taken at Riding Burn ; and complaining that the Marches were daily spoiled by the thieves of Teviotdale for lack of meetings of the wardens and their deputes for redress of outrages ; and that if his Lordship did not soon appoint his officer for East Teviotdale to meet the English Warden, the latter must certify the Lords of Council and his superior that he had often craved it at his Lordship's hands without effect, etc. Berwick, 27th February 1576,	217	
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201. Sir John Forster to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, intimating that Hob Gilchrist having plundered some of the Regent's men of their horses, the writer had sent men to Allanton to apprehend him and bring him to justice; that he almost slew one of his captors when taking him, and that he was then at Sir John's house to be tried and hanged; that he (Sir John) had sent the horses back to be delivered to the Laird of Bonjedworth; and that, with reference to the cause of Rutherfurd's death, he had found, on inquiry, that he died of illness in prison, being an old man, and no one having offered to relieve him; adding a request that his Lordship would issue a warrant for the apprehension of one Denning. Alnwick, 14th March 1576, 221

202. Sir John Forster to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, informing him that the law had been put in force against Hob Gilchrist for the offences committed by him, and that now earnest suit was made to him to petition his Lordship in favour of his son Dand Gilchrist, whose friends offered to become security to his Lordship for his good behaviour in time to come, and that he would redress all complaints made against him; that the young man himself seemed to regret his past life, and promised amendment, and he (Sir John) trusted that his

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father's death would deter him from such courses, and therefore humbly entreated that his Lordship would extend mercy to him, a favour which he would reciprocate to his Lordship when an occasion should offer. Alnwick, 11th April 1577, 222

203. Sir John Forster to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, acknowledging his Lordship's letter in favour of Gavin Elwood's bill; that he had learned from his cousin Mr. Middleton that Dick Fenwick and others were also concerned in that bill; and that his said cousin was fully persuaded that the spoliation made on Elwood would prove to have been perpetrated by some Englishmen his ancient enemies; and that if it had only concerned Gavin Elwood and the Scotchmen, Mr. Middleton would very willingly have granted his Lordship's request. Hexham, 14th April 1577, 222

204. John Selby of Twysell to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, interceding with his Lordship for Hobbie Dalgleish, one of his Lordship's dependants, who was filed in a bill for stealing a nag, on the last day of truce for Teviotdale; and stating that at Hobbie's request he had examined a felon of England in prison, one Arch Baird, who had confessed that he bought a nag from Jock Chambers of Lynton, which he exchanged with Hobbie Dalgleish for another; and desiring his Lordship's help to procure for Hobbie reparation at the hands of the said Chambers. Berwick, 20th April 1577, 223

205. Sir Cuthbert Collingwood to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, requesting his acceptance from the bearer of a leveret, "whole of feather and bone," and of as good an eyrie as any in England, "higher gated" than the hawk, and the like kind was not in Scotland, although he was not so valuable as the worst of many hawks which the Earl had bestowed on him; mentioning that the Laird of Bonjedworth's bond which he (Sir Cuthbert) had accepted for the Laird of Mow's bills was not yet discharged, and expressing a hope that the Earl would not clearly quit Mow of them, since he had used the writer and his servants ill in allowing his brother to reset a shepherd who had stolen 200 sheep from one of his servants. Eslington, 10th June 1577, ... 224

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207. The Lord Scrope, English Warden, to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, wherein he assures the latter that he would find him ready, to the uttermost of his power, to further the ends of justice and the continuance of amity between the realms, and that he would, on information from the Earl, give strict orders for avoiding the relief or reset within his bounds of those disobedient to the Earl as Scotch Warden. Carlisle, 4th July 1577, 225

208. Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, to Lord Scrope, English Warden, enclosing the names of the principal fugitives whom he had found disobedient within the west wardeny, and requesting that the latter would cause them to be publicly denounced and proclaimed within his bounds, and acknowledge receipt of the said list of names, in order that he might the better crave justice of the resetters of them in England; and, with reference to the unlawful pasturing of English cattle on Scottish ground, under which pretext sundry plunderings are committed, he entreated his Lordship to cause similar proclamation to be renewed at Carlisle, warning all that where goods were staff-herded in Scotland by Englishmen, the Earl would cause the persons to be apprehended and the animals confiscated, etc. Dumfries, 14th July 1577, 226

209. Sir Cuthbert Collingwood to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, in reply to one from the latter with reference to the Laird of Mow, stating that if the Earl would cause the Laird and his men forbear from taking his goods, he (Sir Cuthbert) would consider it the greatest pleasure he could confer on him, and that he would be sure to have the like forbearance at his hands; and that the Laird of Bonjedworth

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had told him if he took the principal of his bills, the Laird of Mow
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210. Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, to the Lord Scrope, requesting his
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feather and bone, and intimating that if there were any other hawks
or anything else that would be acceptable to him, the Earl would
gladly send them, as he felt himself much indebted to his Lordship's
favour. Dalkeith, 25th July 1577, 228

211. The Lord Scrope, Lord Warden of the West Marches of England, to
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him; and desiring restitution of two mares stolen from Cargoe by one
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212. The Lord Scrope, Lord Warden of the West Marches of England, to
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requisite. Carlisle, 27th July 1577, 229

213. The Lord Scrope, Lord Warden of the West Marches of England, to
Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, thanking the latter for having
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to be placed at Lord Scrope's disposal for preserving order in the
West Marches, and suggesting that no time should be lost in reducing
the disturbers to obedience, or subjecting them to extreme punish-
ment; also stating that so long as the principal sort of offenders on
the Borders were allowed to purge themselves by their oaths, there
would be small hope of justice, for even with regard to Will of
Gretnahill, who had sworn himself clean of two bills, one for four
oxen and one for six or seven horses, mares, and fillies, he doubted
not that he would be able to convince the Earl of the contrary.
Carlisle, 7th August 1577, 230

214. Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, to the Lord Scrope, intimating that
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the Borders, and that his Grace could not now alter the date of the convening of the forces, since the proclamation was already made; but that, with a view to obviate the inconvenience feared by Lord Scrope, he would, as soon as possible, send some horsemen and footmen to the bounds west of the woods, to endeavour to restrain their insolence and the increase of their number, etc. Dalkeith, 11th August 1577,..... 231

215. The Lord Scrope to Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, recommending to his favour Mathew Monk of Carlisle, who intended to repair to Edinburgh to purchase wines, for which his Lordship's licence was necessary; also desiring that his Lordship would render thanks on his behalf to the Regent for having obtained the aid of soldiers for the suppression of the disorders on the Borders. Carlisle, 18th August 1577, 232

216. Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, to Sir Cuthbert Collingwood, requesting him to send with the bearer, for his Lordship's inspection, a young horse, as he was then in want of one, and to inform him of the price. Branxholme, 14th September 1577, 233

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218. Archibald, fifth Earl of Angus, "Bell the Cat," to John Ogilvy of Inverquharity, acknowledging the receipt of twenty merks Scots as in full for the relief duty of his lands of Inverquharity, if he had

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219. George, Master of Angus, grandson of Archibald, fifth Earl of Angus, to John, fourth Lord Hay of Yester, acknowledging the receipt of his letter, and promising to speak to the Earl of Morton concerning the Laird of Drummelzier, as requested therein; and desiring his Lordship to have his people always in readiness to come to Edinburgh in twenty-four hours' warning, but not to come without warning. Edinburgh, 18th August [1547],	235
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224. Dame Margaret Leslie, Countess of Angus, to Sir David Wemyss of Wemyss, intimating that she had been summoned to appear before the Commissaries on the 28th instant, and requesting him, as one of her special friends, to accompany her thither, with as many of his own friends as the shortness of the warning would permit; also that Sir David and his son would be in Edinburgh on the Tuesday following, to defend her honour, life, land, and goods, and that he might assist her with his counsel, in which he would have no dishonour, as she was innocent. Dysart, 23d December 1586, 238

225. Sir William Douglas of Glenbervie, afterwards ninth Earl of Angus, to Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquharthy, intimating that the brieve for serving him (Sir William) as heir of the earldom of Angus was to be served in Edinburgh on the 6th of February following, and requesting Sir John, as he cared for the welfare of that house and name, to repair thither a day or two before that date, that he (Sir William) might have the benefit of his counsel regarding the proper mode of procedure beforehand; and further requesting that he would procure an extract of the sasine of the last deceased Earl of Angus in his lands in Forfarshire. Edinburgh, 7th January 1588, 239

226. George, sixth Earl of Huntly, to Sir David Wemyss of Wemyss, intimating to him that the 5th and 6th of February following had been fixed for serving Sir William Douglas in the lands of Angus and Morton, and requesting that Sir David would be in Edinburgh on the 4th to accompany the Earl to the service, and assist him with his counsel. Holyroodhouse, 31st January 1588, 240

227. Receipt granted by Dame Jean Lyon, Countess of Angus, for four writs in her possession, viz., a tack of the teinds of Elistoun, and another of the teinds of Aberdour; a letter of reversion of the lands of Grangemuir and Woodfield, and another of the lands of Langtoun. Edinburgh, 20th March 1588, 240

228. William, ninth Earl of Angus, to Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquharity, announcing his intention to hold a Regality Court at Kirriemuir on the 8th of July following, and requesting that Sir John would advertise the inhabitants of that town to make provision both in wine and ale and other things for two or three days at least; and that he would also warn the whole tenantry to attend the Regality Court on that day, bringing with them their last infestments held of the Earls of Angus, for examination and consideration. Glenbervy, 14th June 1589, 241

229. William, ninth Earl of Angus, to Thomas, fifth Lord Boyd, promising to send his servants of Douglas and his friends in Clydesdale to Grugar to attend Lord Boyd's Court, to be held there on the 10th of the month, in accordance with his request, notwithstanding the relationship that subsisted between himself and the Laird of Knockdolian, in order that the country might know that their friendship was joined in the old manner. Edinburgh, 2d August 1590, 242

230. William, tenth Earl of Angus, to Sir James Johnstone of Dunskeillie, acknowledging receipt of a letter from the latter complaining that some of the Johnstones had lately been guilty of fire-raising at Middlegill, and had also slain young Mungo of Lockerbie, of which before his Lordship had been altogether ignorant; and requesting that Sir James would not use any rigour either in burning or slaying until the Earl had seen his Majesty on the subject, after which such punishment as his Majesty thought expedient would be inflicted on the offenders; adding that he wished Middlegill to meet him at Dalkeith to make his complaint, and requesting a list of the chief marauders. Douglas, 12th September, *circa* 1592, 243

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238. William, eleventh Earl of Angus, to Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquaharity, referring to the charge given by the town of Forfar to the inhabitants of his Lordship's burgh of Kirriemuir to desist from all trade and traffic of markets, wares and sellings, etc., as not being a free burgh, intimating his intention to defend the said action, and that he had instructed Mr. William Oliphant to answer for his said burgh; also desires that Sir John would inform the Laird of Logie-Wishart that his Lordship had registered him at the horn for not paying him his money according to promise. Douglas, 21st May [*circa* 1622], 248

239. Sir George Auchinleck, Lord Balmanno, to [address wanting], relative to the claim of William, eleventh Earl of Angus, to the lands of Auchinleck, wherein he states that he was present at a consultation with his Lordship and his advocates, and that there was found a contract or copy of an indenture passed between Archibald Douglas of Glenbervie, his Lordship's grandfather, and son to Elizabeth Auchinleck, on the one part, and Boswell of Auchinleck on the other, wherein the said Archibald renounced, for himself and his heirs, all right to those lands of Auchinleck; that the advocates thought, if this contract were extant, it would debar his Lordship from any claim to these lands, and they advised his Lordship either to serve himself heir to Elizabeth, or to Sir William Douglas of Braidwood, knight, her spouse, who was infest therein by Mr. John Auchinleck, uncle of the said Elizabeth; the writer supposes that the Boswells brooked these lands either by recognition or non-entry; and states that it would be a great pleasure to him to see his Lordship enjoy that living. [*Circa* 1627], 249

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265. Lady Wemyss, Countess-Dowager of Angus, to her father, David, second Earl of Wemyss, vindicating herself from the unjust allegations of the Laird of Bogie, founded on a mistaken view regarding some papers which her Ladyship had desired his Lordship and him to subscribe, two of which documents had been advised by Sir Thomas Nicolson before his death (in view of an agreement between Lady Alexander and her) ; as, if such agreement were made, her Ladyship's children would not require tutors ; adding that neither his Lordship nor her Ladyship's other friends could subscribe such a document after her Ladyship's marriage, because then it would make them tutors, etc. etc. Canongate, 7th July 1659, 266

266. Lady Jean Wemyss, Countess-Dowager of Angus, to Mr. William Douglas, advocate, expressing surprise that the latter had sent her a document bearing her name throughout as tutrix to her son Archibald, and taking burden for him, and relating to an agreement, as if her Ladyship durst take upon her to make an agreement to her son's prejudice ; declining to sign any deed which would give her son a ground of quarrel against her, especially now, when others and not herself were to be his tutors ; but expressing her willingness to subscribe the bond drawn up for her and marked with her own hand, with only the time of her keeping her children changed therein, etc. Canongate, 8th November 1659, 268

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268. William, third Earl of Lothian, to the Earl of Roxburghe, intimating that the Marquis of Douglas was seeking, through the Privy Council, to obtain a seat in the new church of Jedburgh, an unusual mode of procedure in the first instance when there had been no riot nor contest; adding that the Marquis had not much property, and no residence, within the parish, and that the house of Fernihirst, for "divers ages," held the principal place in that church, as the aisle, which was half of the last church, testified; that the new church had been built by his Lordship's son, whose property the ground was; and expressing a hope that Lord Roxburghe would have regard to the interest of Lord Jedburgh and his (Lord Lothian's) son in disposing of the matter, which had been deputed to him by the Council. Newbattle, 20th March 1672, 270

269. Lady Jean Wemyss, sometime Countess of Angus, now Countess of Sutherland, to John, Earl of Rothes, Chancellor of Scotland, complaining of the injustice threatened to her son, Archibald, Earl of Forfar, by her father's resolution to disinherit him of his right to succeed him, failing her Ladyship's sister and the heirs of her body; complaining also that her enemies had alienated from her her father's affections, as shown by a letter enclosed in her Ladyship's, her answer to which she also enclosed to his Lordship, that, if he approved thereof, he might forward it to her father. Edinburgh, 25th November 1672, 271

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could live like a gentleman anywhere on the estate provided to him by his father; at the same time expressing a hope that Lady Margaret might, in a few years, be the mother of so many brave sons and daughters as would render his request a matter of mere complaint.
Edinburgh, 5th December 1672, 272

271. Lady Margaret Douglas, sister of the second Marquis of Douglas, and wife of Alexander, Viscount of Kingston, to the Laird of Blackwood, remonstrating against the latter for having counselled the Marquis to take an unjust and dishonourable course in raising a summons against her Ladyship's mother, and publishing untruths therein, overstating the amount of her jointure, and shamelessly seeking to take from her that in which the Marquis himself was bound to maintain her, both as heir to his father, and as having ratified her rights long after his majority; and entering into full details respecting the settlements of the first Marquis of Douglas her grandfather. Inch, 24th July 1674, 273

272. James, second Marquis of Douglas, to his factor, the Laird of Blackwood, requesting him to send out by the carrier some cloth which should have gone to Lintalee, but which was fitter to hang in the hall of Douglas than the sad-coloured cloth; referring to the death of George, brother to the Earl of Mar, and asking the Laird to order a plain suit of black clothes for him, with a pair of "wide headed black worset stockings;" also to send as many gilded leather skins as would mount the hangings of the hall. Douglas, 3d July 1676,..... 276

273. Lady Barbara Erskine, Marchioness of Douglas, to her husband, James, second Marquis of Douglas, complaining of his estrangement from her, craving pardon for any just cause of offence she might have given him, and promising to make it her study to please him in future; but remonstrating with him for retaining in his service or company persons who talked so much to the prejudice of his honour and hers, and begging for a favourable answer to her letter. Edinburgh, December 1676, 277

274. Barbara, Marchioness of Douglas, to the Laird of Blackwood, in reply to a letter from him, stating that she would be glad to see him at

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280. James, Earl of Angus, to the Laird of Blackwood, expressing his pleasure that the Marquis his father had selected for his tutor a Mr. Dickson, for whom the writer himself had an esteem, and of whom every one that knew him spoke well; mentioning that the Duke of Hamilton had written warning him not to engage as tutor another gentleman who had applied for the appointment; and adding that he was about to leave London for Tunbridge. London, 12th August 1688, 283

281. James, Earl of Angus, to the Laird of Blackwood, intimating that he had written fully to the Marquis his father as to the expediency of his going abroad in the following spring—a course of which all his friends in London highly approved as being most advantageous for himself; and stating that if on his return home, after travelling for a year or two, his father allowed him £200 or £300 to make a figure with in London for a few months, he would thereby be much more likely to gain a fortune [by marriage] than by living privately as he was then doing, etc. London, 26th December 1689, 284

282. Lady Jane Mackenzie, Countess of John, fourth Earl of Mar, to James, second Marquis of Douglas, intimating that his Lordship's commands had been obeyed with reference to the funeral of her daughter, the Marchioness of Douglas, for it was a "night burial," and suitable to her quality, and that the expenses amounted only to £1038, 10s. Scots, which her Ladyship expected the Marquis would promptly pay along with what was due of her annuity at the time of her death, etc. Muchall, 18th August 1690, 285

283. Mary Ker, second wife of James, Marquis of Douglas, to the Laird of Blackwood, factor to the Marquis, intimating that she had seen a letter from the latter to his master which had filled her with anxiety respecting the position of her husband's affairs, regretting more

especially that so much of the pecuniary difficulty appeared in the accounts of the preceding two or three years; expressing her wish that he had remarked on any of the more imprudent items in these accounts, that they might have been avoided in future; adding that both her Lord and herself would gladly take his advice respecting retrenchment from the very stable to the hall, both within and without doors, etc. Douglas, 28th November 1695,..... 286

284. James, second Marquis of Douglas, to the Laird of Blackwood, sent by his footman, requesting to know by a line from him, the Laird, with the bearer, how his Grace's business went at Edinburgh; adding that he still believed him to be his friend, whatever ill-disposed people might say to the contrary, and would always be extremely glad to have his advice. Douglas, 22d December 1698,..... 287

285. James, second Marquis of Douglas, to the Laird of Blackwood, referring to misrepresentations made against the latter to the friends of the Marquis as well as to himself, and expressing his expectation that his friends would soon be completely proof against the same as the writer himself was; yet still reflecting upon the indiscretion of the Laird in having given up his testament to any person whatever without his special permission, and desiring that he would recover the same and send it, or a copy of it, to his Grace; adding that a new nomination must be made of three or four trusty friends, as some of those who were before named were not now friends, and asking the Laird's advice as to the nomination of tutors, and his entail and settlement of his estate. Douglas, February 1699, 288

286. James, second Marquis of Douglas, to James, second Duke of Queensberry, reminding the latter that he (the Marquis) had signed the commission of Samuel Douglas as his factor with the greatest reluctance, and on the understanding that he should be removed at the Whitsunday following; as, however, there seemed no prospect of this, he wrote to inform the Duke that he would take measures to prevent any one from being either bailie or chamberlain of Douglas who did not please himself and those he named, etc. Douglas, 26th May 1699,..... 288

287. Robina [Lockhart], Countess-Dowager of Forfar, to Andrew Fletcher, Lord Justice-Clerk, recommending to his Lordship's favourable consideration a nephew of the deceased Principal Hamilton, and younger brother to the Laird of Airdrie, with a view to his being preferred to a chaplaincy which had become vacant by his uncle's death, etc. Bothwell Castle, 20th November 1732, 289

288. James, second Duke of Athole, to the Duke of Douglas, expressing his sympathy and condolence with the latter on account of what he had suffered at the hands of the rebels, and his extreme concern that any one of his own family had been so instrumental in the perpetration of these outrages; and begging that that person's bad behaviour and ill-treatment of his Grace might not break the friendship which he himself would ever endeavour to cultivate with his Grace; adding that the Duke [of Cumberland] had just arrived, and expressing a hope that his presence and conduct might soon put an end to such an unnatural rebellion. [*Circa 1745*] 290

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289. Count Marc Antonio d'Agazano to William, eleventh Earl of Angus, afterwards first Marquis of Douglas, intimating that he had written to his brother in Italy to send him the tree of their family, with a view to transmit it to his Lordship, and expressing a hope that his Lordship would honour him in return with the tree of his family, that he might add it to his own, for which he would hold himself under a perpetual obligation to his Lordship. Paris, 6th July 1620, 291

290. Count Marc Antonio d'Agazano to William, eleventh Earl of Angus, sending, according to his promise made to the latter when they met in Orleans, the tree of the family of the Scoti of Piacenza, descended from the illustrious house of Douglas, and expressing a hope that the Earl would, in return, honour him with the tree of the house of Douglas in Scotland, or at least that part of it which had escaped

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destruction in the desolating wars which had been carried on in that kingdom ; adding that the arms of the Scoti in Piacenza were the same as the ancient arms of Douglas, as might be seen in the church of Santo Lorenzo in that city, and that the differences were first introduced into the arms of the Scoti during the contentions between the Guelphs and Ghibellines in Italy, etc. Paris, 8th May 1622, ... 292

291. Signor Leonardo Crema to William, eleventh Earl of Angus, enclosing a letter to his Lordship from Count Marc Antonio d'Agazano, which he intended to have delivered personally, along with the genealogy of the said Count, but having been robbed on his passage from France, he had sent the Count's letter and family tree by Mr. Gray, a Scotch gentleman who courteously undertook to deliver them ; adding that he and a cousin of his, a famous chess-player, who was desirous to visit Scotland, would, if it pleased his Lordship, pay him a visit, and amuse him and his friends with that delightful game, etc. London, 28th June 1622, 294

292. Marc Antonio, Count d'Agazano to William, eleventh Earl of Angus, introducing to his Lordship Lord Giovanni Camillo Zaccagni, a young Roman nobleman, a dear friend of the Count, and distinguished for his intimate acquaintance with the antiquities of Rome, from whose conversation the Count trusted his Lordship would derive satisfaction. Pozolo, 30th December 1624, 296

293. Marc Antonio, Count d'Agazano to William, eleventh Earl of Angus, expressing regret that he was unable to remain in Rome to serve his Lordship during his intended visit to that city ; thanking the latter for his kindness shown to Signor Ludovico Abbati, who had also informed him (the Count) of his Lordship's desire to have some light as to the origin of his family when they came with the Emperor Charlemagne ; in reply to which he states that his ancestor was designed William, Earl of Douglas, and that for fuller information he would send his Lordship the Chronicle of Piacenza, compiled by the Bishop of Bagnarea. Pozolo, 30th December 1624, 297

294. William, eleventh Earl of Angus, to Marc Antonio d'Agazano, in reply to the two preceding letters from the latter, wherein he states

that although he had very full information respecting the history of his house, he was desirous, for his greater satisfaction, to see the Chronicle of Piacenza, in which he understood particular mention was made of it; informs the Count that he is then busy getting his genealogy prepared, though from the want of materials, only to be found in Scotland, it would not have the clearness that was desirable; and adds that he had found in his friend, the Signor Giovanni Camillo Zacchagni, all those qualities and merits which the Count had represented the latter to possess, etc. Rome, 2d January 1625, 298

295. Signor Ferdinando Scotto to Monsieur Douglas, acknowledging receipt of a letter from the latter at Bresse, and mentioning that he had recalled their affair to the recollection of the General, who stated that he had sent the heads of agreement to Venice for the consideration of the Senate, but had received no answer, which led him to believe that the Republic did not then intend to make the new levies; further, that the General's advice was that he (Monsieur Douglas) could not do better than go to Paris and join the Venetian ambassador at the Court of his Majesty there, as in that way the affair would be more vigorously presented, and that he himself would use all diligence with the General with a view to the settlement thereof. Bresse, 14th January 1626, 299

296. Ottavio Scotto, Count d'Agazano, to William, eleventh Earl of Angus, expressing his gratification at receiving a letter from the Earl, as showing that he still retained a place in his memory for him who was his most affectionate and devoted kinsman, and whose person and property would always be at his Lordship's disposal; mentioning that his brother, the Count Mare Antonio, had received the tree of the Douglas family, sent by his Lordship, at his residence at the Maggio del St. David, and that it was most excellent; and concluding by wishing that the Earl might obtain from the Lord whatever he might wish. Lodi, 28th January 1626, 301

297. Otto Frederic Cumein, Conte di Buchann, to William, eleventh Earl of Angus, in reply to a letter from the Earl, wherein he expresses his extreme gratification at being honoured with his Lordship's corre-

spondence, refers to the fact of his ancestors having performed brave deeds in Scotland, and mentions as news that the Pope had paid off all his soldiers except 1000, who were under five captains, that works were in progress round the Castle of San Angelo to raise the parapet and surround it with the waters of the Tiber, which would cost the Pope a million, that twelve Cardinals, whom he names, had just been created, and that at Palermo there was great mortality from the plague. Rome, 6th February 1626,..... 302

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336. King Charles the First to Sir George Hay, Chancellor of Scotland, to renew the two commissions for keeping order on the Borders granted by his father, and to add the name of William, Earl of Angus, to that granted to the Earls of Nithsdale, Buccleuch, and Annandale, and Lord Yester. Salisbury, 22d October 1625, 376

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342. George Douglas, Earl of Dumbarton, to William, Duke of Queensberry, thanking him for his favour in aiding him in the acquisition of Salton, and requesting the continuance of the same till all the formalities were observed. The Earl has placed Salton House at the service of the Duke's son, the Earl of Drumlanrig, and his lady. He has shown Major Whyte's memorial respecting the Castle of Edinburgh to the king. As a "Scots Laird" he presents his compliments to his sister. London, 16th January 1686, 381

343. King William the Third to William, Duke of Hamilton, president, and remanent lords of the Privy Council, authorising them to relieve the four companies of Lord Angus' regiment in Fort William, and the two companies in Drummond Castle, that they might join the rest of the regiment. Kensington, 5th December 1690,..... 381

344. James, Earl of Angus, to his father, James, second Marquis of Douglas, that he had written several times requesting advice as to his future conduct, but having received no reply, doubtless through miscarriage of the letters, he had written to Lord Drumlanrig and the Master of Stair to consult with other Scottish nobles of his kindred at Court, and advise what he should do. He had been injuriously animadverted upon for continuing at his studies while his regiment was actively engaged in the field, and was persuaded that if he did so longer it would be to his perpetual dishonour. He had also missed valuable opportunities of promotion. The king had indeed intervened for his protection, but had said he would not hinder his going into action next year, which was equivalent to a royal command. Lieutenant-General Douglas had threatened to come then and pull him from Utrecht to the camp. Having regard to his illustrious predecessors he feels the world's contempt of him not unmerited, and with respect to the pecuniary straits of the family, he thinks assistance would be obtained from the king. He entreats his father's permission, therefore, to join his regiment. Utrecht, January 1692. This letter is accompanied by the draft of another relating the death of Lord Angus in his first battle, 382

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I.—ROYAL LETTERS AND WARRANTS.

1. LETTER by KING EDWARD THE FIRST, that William of Douglas shall deliver up Hugh of Abernethy to the King's Officers. Berwick-on-Tweed, 28th June [1291].¹

REX et superior dominus Scotie venerabili in Christo patri A[lan]o eadem gratia Catanensi episcopo, Cancellario Scotie, salutem. Cum secundum legem et consuetudinem regni Scotie, nullus baro vel alius de eodem regno prisonam habeat in qua felonem de feloniam extra baroniā suā facta rectatum, et propter hoc extra eandem baroniā captum, detinere possit aut debeat, nisi rex ejusdem regni tantum, ut accepimus; et dilectus et fidelis noster Wilelmus de Duglas, Hugonem de Abernithy rectatum de morte Duncani quondam comitis de Fyf, extra baroniā ejusdem Wilelmi interfecti, et propter hoc extra eandem baroniā captum, in prōsina sua detineat, ut dicitur. Vobis mandamus quod per literas sigillo regimini predicti regni Scotie deputato signatas, prefato Wilelmo detis in mandatis quod predictum Hugonem, dilecto et fidieli nostro Wilelmo de Sancto Claro reddat et liberet, prisone nostre mancipandum, prout ei injunximus et prefato Wilelmo de Sancto Claro per aliam literam similiter detis in mandatis, quod in propria persona sua ad prefatum Wilelmu de Duglas accedat, et ipsum ex parte nostra moneat et injungat eidem, quod predictum Hugonem ei reddat et liberet prisone nostre mancipandum, sicut predictum est. In cuius, etc.

Teste [Rege apud Berewyk super Tued, xxviii die Junii].

TRANSLATION OF THE PRECEDING LETTER.

The King and overlord of Scotland, to the venerable father in Christ, Alan, by the same grace, Bishop of Caithness, Chancellor of Scotland, greeting. Whereas, according to the law and custom of the kingdom of Scotland, no baron or other

¹ Rotuli Scotiae, vol. i. p. 2.

of the said kingdom, save the king of the same only, as we understand, may have a prison in which he may or ought to detain a felon accused of crime done beyond the bounds of his barony, and taken without the same for such crime; and our beloved and faithful William of Douglas detains, it is said, in his own prison, Hugh of Abernethy, accused of the death of Duncan, sometime Earl of Fife, slain without the barony of the said William, and [which Hugh was] taken for the same beyond the said barony: We command you that by letters signed with the seal appointed for the government of the foresaid kingdom of Scotland, you give in charge to the said William, that he shall render and deliver the foresaid Hugh to our beloved and faithful William of Saint Clair, to be confined in our prison, as we have enjoined him; and that likewise you give in charge to the said William of Saint Clair, by another letter, that he shall, in person, go to the said William of Douglas, and on our behalf warn and enjoin him that he shall upgive and deliver the said Hugh to be confined in our prison as said is.

Attested by the King, at Berwick-on-Tweed, 28th June [1291].

2. LETTER by THE SAME, directed against William of Douglas for injuries done to the Monks of Melrose. Berwick-on-Tweed, 3d July [1291].¹

REX et superior dominus Scotie venerabili patri in Christo A[lano] eadem gratia episcopo Catanensi, Cancellario Scotie, salutem. Mandamus vobis quod sub sigillo communis regimini Scotie deputato ex parte custodum regni Scotie sub nobis constitutorum, vicecomiti et baliivis suis de Lanark detis districtius in mandatis, ut secundum legem et consuetudinem regni Scotie, summoneri faciant Wilelmum de Duglas militem, quod sit coram nobis apud Berewyk super Twedam, in crastino festi Sancti Petri ad vincula, proximo futuri, ad respondendum nobis super contemptu mandati nostri sibi nuper directi, et abbati et conventui de Melros super injuriis, dampnis, et gravaminibus eis per ipsum illatis, ut dicunt. Et quod iidem vicecomes et baliui sui dicto Wilelmo districte et firmiter inhibeant ex parte nostra, ne dictis abbati et conventui, hominibus, rebus, et catallis suis interim inferat, vel a suis inferri permittat injuriam, molestiam, dampnum, aliquod aut gravamen. In cuius, etc.

Teste Rege apud Berewyk super Twed, iij^o die Julij.

¹ Rotuli Scotiae, vol. i. p. 2.

TRANSLATION.

The King and overlord of Scotland, to the venerable father in Christ, Alan, by the same grace, Bishop of Caithness, Chancellor of Scotland, greeting. We command you that under the common seal appointed for the government of Scotland, on the part of the Wardens of the kingdom of Scotland, constituted under us, ye give strictly in charge to the Sheriff and his bailees of Lanark, that, according to the law and custom of the kingdom of Scotland, they cause William of Douglas, knight, to be summoned to appear before us at Berwick-on-Tweed on the morrow of the feast of St. Peter *ad vincula* next to come, to answer to us for contempt of our mandate recently addressed to him, and to the abbot and convent of Melrose, regarding injuries, damage, and grievances done by him to them, as they allege: And that the same Sheriff and his bailees shall, on our behalf, straitly and surely inhibit the said William that in the meantime he shall not inflict, nor allow to be inflicted, on the said abbot and convent, their men, goods, and chattels, any injury, hurt, damage, or grievance whatever.

Attested by the King, at Berwick-on-Tweed, 3d July [1291].

3. LETTER by THE SAME for restoring to William of Douglas his lands in Scotland. Berwick-on-Tweed, 30th August [1296].¹

REX vicecomiti de Fyf, salutem. Licet nuper precepimus quod terre et tenementa bona et catalla Wilelmi Duglas, infra regnum Scotie, in manum nostram caperentur et salvo custodirentur, donec aliud inde precepimus. Volentes tamen eidem Wilelmo gratiam facere specialem, tibi precipimus quod eidem Wilelmo, terras et tenementa, bona et catalla sua predicta, ea occasione in manum nostram capta, unacum inde receptis, sine dilatione restitui faciatis, salvis nobis sumptibus et missis nostris, in dictis terris et tenementis appositis.

Teste Rege, apud Berewyk super Twedam, xxx die Augusti.

TRANSLATION.

The King to the Sheriff of Fife, greeting. Although we lately commanded that the lands and tenements, goods and chattels, of William Douglas within the kingdom of Scotland, should be taken into our hands and safely kept until we should order otherwise therupon, yet desiring to do a special grace to the said

¹ Rotuli Scotiae, vol. i. p. 24.

William, we command you that ye cause to be restored, without delay, to the said William, theforesaid lands and holdings, goods and chattels, taken into our hands on that occasion, along with the receipts thereof, reserving our expenses and taxes imposed on the said lands and holdings.

Attested by the King, at Berwick-on-Tweed, 30th August [1296].¹

4. LETTER by KING EDWARD THE THIRD, restoring to Sir James Douglas the lands in England forfeited from his father. Eltham, 12th May [1329].²

REX omnibus ad quos, etc., salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali, dedimus, concessimus, et redditimus nobili viro Jacobo Douglas militi, manerium de Faudon cum pertinentiis, in comitatu Northumbriæ, et omnes alias terras, et tenementa, et redditus qua Willielmus Douglas pater suus habuit in regno Angliæ, et quæ occasione guerræ, inter dominum Edwardum quondam regem Angliæ avum nostrum et tunc regem Scotiæ, motæ, in manum ipsius avi nostri tanquam sibi forisfacta, capta fuerunt et sic ad manus nostras devenerunt: Habenda et tenenda eidem Jacobo et hæredibus suis, de nobis et aliis capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum, per eadem servitia, per quæ eadem manerium, terræ, tenementa et redditus tenebantur, antequam ad manus dicti avi nostri sic devenerunt. In cuius, etc.

Teste Rege apud Eltham, xii die Maii.

TRANSLATION.

The King to all to whom [these letters may come], greeting. Know ye that of our special favour we have given, granted, and restored to a noble man, James Douglas, knight, the manor of Faudon, with the pertinents, in the county of Northumberland, and all other lands and holdings and rents which William Douglas his father possessed in the kingdom of England, and which at the time of the war carried on between the Lord Edward, some time King of England, our grandfather, and the then King of Scotland, were taken into the hand of our said grandfather as forfeited to him, and so came to our hands: To be held and possessed by the said James and his heirs, of us and other principal lords of those

¹ The next entry states that similar letters were directed, on behalf of the same William, to the Sheriffs of Dumfries, Wigton, Berwick, Ayr, and Edinburgh.

² Rymer's *Fœdera*, vol. ii. p. 762.

fees, by the same service by which the said manor, lands, tenements, and rents were held before they came to the hands of our said grandfather.

Attested by the King at Eltham, 12th May [1329].¹

5. LETTER by KING EDWARD THE THIRD, granting to Sir James of Douglas, safe-conduct towards the Holy Land with the heart of Bruce.
Gloucester, 1st September [1329].²

REX vicecomitibus, majoribus, constabulariis castrorum, ministris, et omnibus ballivis, et fidelibus suis tam infra libertates quam extra, ad quos, etc., salutem. Sciatis quod cum nobilis vir Jacobus dominus de Douglas in Scotia, versus Terram Sanctam in auxilium Christianorum contra Saracenos, cum corde domini Roberti regis Scotiae nuper defuncti sit prefecturus; nos ipsum Jacobum et homines suos in comitiva sua existentes, in protectionem et defensionem nostram speciale suscepimus, etc., *pro formula ejusmodi literarum.*

In cuius, etc., per septennium duraturas.

Teste Rege, apud Gloucester, primo die Septembbris.

TRANSLATION.

The King to the sheriffs, mayors, constables of castles, ministers, and all bailiffs, and his faithful subjects, within and without the liberties [of the realm], etc., greeting. Know ye that, as a noble man, James, Lord of Douglas in Scotland, is about to set forth towards the Holy Land, to the aid of the Christians against the Saracens, with the heart of Lord Robert, King of Scotland, lately deceased; we have taken the said James and his men who are in his company under our special protection and guardianship, etc., . . . to endure for seven years.

Attested by the King, at Gloucester, 1st September [1329].

6. LETTER, KING EDWARD THE THIRD to ALFONSO, KING OF CASTILE, recommending Sir James of Douglas to his good offices. Gloucester,
1st September [1329].³

MAGNIFICO principi domino Alfonso, Dei gracia Castelle, Legionis, Toleti, Galicie, Sibilie, Cordubie, Murcie, Gienne atque Algarbie Regi, ac comitatus Molini domino, consanguineo suo carissimo, Edwardus etc. salutem, et successus ad vota prosperos

¹ Immediately following this letter is an entry, stating that the Sheriff of Northumberland was commanded to deliver over the manor of Faudon and others within his bailey to James of Douglas. ² Rymer's *Federa*, vol. ii. p. 770. ³ *Ibid.* p. 771.

et felices. Cum nobilis vir Jacobus Douglas de Scocia accensus amore Crucifixi, versus Terram Sanctam, in auxilium Christianorum contra Saracenos, sit profecturus; Serenitati vestrae duximus supplicandum quatinus eundem Jacobum, res, et familiam, intuitu tam pii propositi, oportunitis favoribus juxta regalem mansuetudinem preveniri, et a subditis vestris, si per loca vestra predicta transire contigerit, ibidem morando et exinde redeundo, favorabiliter pertractari, salvum et securum conductum eidem fieri vestra precipiat, si placet, regia celsitudo. Datum apud Gloucester, primo die Septembri.

TRANSLATION.

To the magnificent prince, Lord Alfonso, by the grace of God, King of Castille, Leon, Toledo, Galicia, Seville, Cordova, Murcia, Jaen, and Algarve, and lord of the county of Molina, his dearest cousin, Edward, etc., greeting, and prosperous and happy success to his desires. Whereas a noble man, James Douglas of Scotland, burning with love of the Crucified, is about to set forth towards the Holy Land, to the aid of the Christians against the Saracens, we have thought good to pray your Serenity, to the end that the said James, his affairs and household, in view of a purpose so pious, may meet with seasonable favours according to royal courtesy, and be well treated by your subjects if he happen to pass through your foresaid territories, while abiding there and thence returning, that your royal highness would command a sure and safe conduct to be made for him, if it please you. Given at Gloucester, 1st September [1329].

7. LETTER by KING EDWARD THE THIRD, granting to Archibald of Douglas, afterwards third Earl, a safe-conduct for a ship trading to Ireland.
Westminster, 18th June [1369]¹

REX dilecto et fidieli suo Wilelmo de Wyndesore, locum suum tenenti in terra nostra Hiberniae, necnon universi et singulis admirallis, vicecomitibus, majoribus, ballivis, custodibus portuum et aliorum locorum maritimorum, ac quibuscunque aliis ministris et fidelibus suis, tam in partibus transmarinis quam cismarinis, ad quos, etc., salutem. Sciatis quod cum Archebaldus de Douglas miles de Scotia mittat quandam navem suam, cum certis marinariis in eadem, de Scotia ad partes Hiberniae et Angliae, pro virtualibus et aliis necessariis ad opus ipsius Archebaldi ibidem emendis, nos, ad specialem rogatum ipsius Archebaldi, volentes pro securi-

¹ Rotuli Scotiæ, vol. i. p. 932.

tate navis et marinariorum predictorum providere, suscepimus navem et marinarios predictos, ac res, et bona sua quecunque, veniendo ad easdem partes Hiberniae et Angliae, ibidem morando, marcandisando, victualia emendo, et exinde ad propria redeundo, in salvum et securum conductum nostrum, necnon in protectionem et defensionem nostras speciales. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod eidem navi aut marinariis predictis, veniendo ad easdem partes Hiberniae et Angliae, ibidem morando, mercandisando, victualia emendo et exinde ad propria redeundo ut predictum est, non inferatis seu quantum in vobis est ab aliis inferri permittatis injuriam, molestiam, dampnum, violentiam, impedimentum aliquod, seu gravamen et si quid eis forisfactum vel injuriatum fuerit, id eis sine dilatatione faciatis emendari; dum tamen bene et honeste se gerant et custumas et alia devoria inde debita nobis solvant fideliter ut debebunt. In cuius, etc., per unum annum duraturas.

Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium, xvij die Junij. Per ipsum regem.

TRANSLATION.

The King to his beloved and faithful William of Wyndesore, his lieutenant in our land of Ireland, also to all and singular admirals, sheriffs, mayors, bailiffs, wardens of ports and of other sea-coast places, and to others whomsoever his faithful subjects and servants, on this and on that side of the sea, to whom [these present letters shall come], greeting. Know ye that as Archibald of Douglas, knight, of Scotland, will send a certain ship of his own, with certain sailors in the same, from Scotland to the parts of Ireland and England, there to purchase victuals and other necessaries for the use of the said Archibald, we, at the special request of the said Archibald, desiring to provide for the safety of the foresaid ship and mariners, have taken them, their goods and gear whatsoever, into our safe and sure conduct, and under our special protection and ward, while coming to the said parts of Ireland and England, abiding there, trading, buying victual, and thence returning to their own land. And so we command you, that upon the said ship and mariners, while coming to the said parts of Ireland and England, abiding there, trading, buying victual, and thence returning to their own land as said is, ye neither inflict, nor, so far as in you lies, permit others to inflict any injury, hurt, damage, violence, hindrance, or grievance whatever; and if any forfeit or injury be done to them, ye shall cause it to be amended without delay, as long as they bear themselves well and honourably, and faithfully pay the customs and other dues to us as they ought. To endure for one year.

Attested by the King, at Westminster, 18th June [1369].

8. LETTER by KING EDWARD THE THIRD, granting to William, first Earl of Douglas, licence to buy malt in Norfolk and ship it to Scotland. Westminster, 16th June [1375].¹

REX universis et singulis admirallis, capitaneis, castellanis, et eorum loca tenentibus, custumariis, custodibus portuum maris et aliorum locorum maritimorum, vicecomitibus, majoribus, ballivis, ministris et aliis fidelibus et subditis nostris, tam per terram quam per mare constitutis, ad quos, etc., salutem. Sciat quod licentiam dedimus comiti de Douglas de Scotia, quod ipse per Johannem Yonge servientem suum, quingenta quarteria brasei in comitatu Norfolciæ emere et providere et ea in quocumque portu infra comitatum predictum, quo sibi placuerit in navibus carcare, et versus partes Scotie ducere possit. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod, ipsum Johannem dicta quingenta quarteria brasei in quocunque portu infra eundem comitatum quo sibi placuerit, in navibus carcare et exinde usque Scotiam, solutis prius custumis, subsidiis, et aliis nobis inde debitatis, libere et absque impedimento aliquo traducere permittatis, quibuscumque proclamationibus, ordinationibus seu mandatis in contrarium factis, non obstantibus. In cuius, etc.

Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium, xvij die Junii.

TRANSLATION.

The King to all and singular admirals, captains, castellans, and their lieutenants, collectors of customs, wardens of sea-ports, and of other sea-coast places, sheriffs, mayors, bailiffs, servants, and others faithful, and our subjects, appointed on sea and land, to whom [these present letters shall come], greeting. Know ye that we have given licence to the Earl of Douglas of Scotland, that he, by his servant John Yonge, may buy and provide five hundred quarters of malt in the county of Norfolk, and may lade ships with the same in any port of the said county he pleases, and carry it towards Scotland. And so we command you, that you permit the said John to lade ships in any port he pleases within the said county, with the said five hundred quarters of malt, and thence to transport the same to Scotland, freely and without any hindrance, the customs, subsidies, and other dues to us being first paid, notwithstanding any proclamations, ordinances, or mandates whatever made to the contrary.

Attested by the King, at Westminster, 16th June [1375].

¹ Rotuli Scotiae, vol. i. p. 969.

9. KING HENRY FOURTH OF ENGLAND to ARCHIBALD, FOURTH EARL OF DOUGLAS, in answer, appointing Commissioners to ratify peace made at Kemelspeth. Westminster, 27th February [1401].¹

HONURE SIRE,—Nous auons receuz voz lettres esrites a Edebredesheles le primer iour de cest present mois de Feuerer par les queles signifiez nous auez entre autres coment le seszisme iour de May darein [passez] a Kemelespethe, estoit acordez parentre notre treschier cousin le conte de Northumbre et vous, que certaines trieues se rendroient par terre et par meer, parentre les deux Roiaumes et leur alliez, a comencer a la feste de Seint [Martin] darein passez en yuerne et a durer par vn an lors prochein ensuant, sil pleroit a nous et a notre conseil d'une part et a nostre aduersaire d'Escoce et a son conseil d'autre part, sur certificacions ent affaire parentre le dit conte et vous, en la feste de la natiuitez de Seint Johan le Baptiste darein passez, au fin que grandz commissairs deussoent auoir assemblez pur treter sur pece ou longes trieues parentre les deux Roiaumes. Et coment notre dit cousin en la dite feste de Seint Johan vous certifa, par ses lettres desouz son seal, q'il plust bien a nous et a notre conseil que les dites trieues se tiendroient, et durerent par le dit an de la dite feste de Seint Martin. Par quoi le iour de l'assemblée des grandz commissairs se tenoit lundy en quinsze iours apres la feste de Seint Michel darein passez. Au quel iour, a ce que voz dites lettres purportent, par la ou vous disoitez au dit conte, en reherceant coment les dites trieues serroient [? feurent] prises pur vn an, en la manere susdite come sa lettre de certificacion sur ce faite tesmoigna. Et combien que vous vous offristes de faire tenir, et garder, et parformir mesmes les trieues en touz pointz, et de faire redresse estre fait [des] attemptatz par terre et par meer, pur tout le Roiaume d'Escoce; sique nulle defaute ne serroit trouez de votre coustee, come en voz dites lettres est contenuz. Nientmains vous vous compleignez grandement de notre dit cousin, en surmettant a lui que les dites trieues sont empeschez, et faillez entierement en son defaute, et contre l'effect de ses dites lettres de certificacion. Sur quoi requys nous auez que nous vorriens enuoier certains noz commissairs de grand estat as marches, eiantz de nous poair d'oier, declarer, et amender cielx defautes. Et vous procurerez que nostre dit aduersaire enuoiera as marches, commissairs de parail estat pur faire semblablement. D'ont vous desirez estre certifiez par le porteur de voz dites lettres. Si vuillez sauoir que veues et entendues mesmes voz lettres, nous fismes venir a notre presence l'onurable pierre en dieu, l'euesque de Bangor, et

¹ Original in British Museum.

le dit conte, et auxi noz tres chiers et foiaux cousins le conte de Westmerland et le Sieur de Grey, Gerard Heron Chiualer, et Johan Cursoun, Esquier, pur nous ent pleinement enformer. Si que par bone examinacion par nous faite en celle partie, nous sumes certainement apris, que notre dit cousin le Conte de Northumbre a le dit darein assemblee apres la Seint Michel, riens ne fesoit sinon de comun auys et assent des dites personnes a lui associez come noz commissairs, lour conformantz a l'instruction pur nous a eux ent donez. Et qant a ce que vous affermez, que le dit Conte ad fait contre l'effect de ses dites lettres de certificacion a vous enuoiees come dessus ; Sachez que nous avons veue la copie de celles lettres de certificacion de notre voloir et entencion, touchant les dites trieues a estre tenuz par vn an, come auant est dit, ouec ciele clause :—Parensi que mesmes les trieues feussent affermez tenuz et gardez selon la forme nature et effect d'icelles :—de la quelle condicion ou clause adioustee en les dites lettres de notre cousin susdit, vous n'auez fait nulle mencion en voz dites lettres a nous enuoiees, dont nous esmerueillons. Et voirs est, a ce que aucuns de noz ditz messages nous ont [certainement] enformez, que qant ils firent rehercer a vous et as autres grandz commissairs de votre costee, certains pointz comprises en les trieues prises et acordees parentre notre tres chier cousin Sire Richard, nadqueres Roy d'Engleterre, et son aduersaire de France pur eux et pur lour alliez, et par especial touchant les metes et boundes des Chastelx et les jurisdiccion d'icelx, a estre declarez pur meilleur conseruacion de mesmes les trieues, as queux trieues les dites endentures faites a Kelsowe fesoient relacion, et quant ils demanderent de vous si celles pointz entre autres comprises en mesmes les trieues deussent estre tenuz, et gardez, et auxi si vous voudriez proceder a la declaracion de mesmes les pointz, tantost il feust responduz de votre part et chescun point deniez, en refusant de ce faire que purroit auoir este le seure conseruacion de celles trieues. Et par la ou ce non obstant mez ditz commissairs vous ofriren d'auoir accordez sur certaines trieues pur auoir este tenuz simplement, et sans aucune condicion ou declaracion, tanque au certain temps apres la Noel lors prochein auenir, au fin queles commissairs d'une part et d'autre purroient auoir fait report a lour seignurs, si lour pleroit acorder a aucun autre iour ou a plus longes trieues. Nepurquant vous ne vousistis a ce en nulle manere accorder et [? finalement] departistes, sanz plus traitez ouec noz commissairs desusditz, come par inspeccion d'un publik instrument eut fait nous etiens aussi clerement enformez. Et deinz brief temps apres qils feurent en retour[nant] pardueurs nous, vous chiv[aucher . . .] en votre propre personne forciblement arraiez a feure de guerre, oue baner ou penon desplaie, a nostre ville de Bam-

bourghe et grande partie de mesme la ville, et autres lieux la enuire[nants, arder] come dit est. Si que vous comenceastes en votre personne la guerre, come vn des Gardeins des Marches d'Escoce, auant que notre dit cousin ou aucun autre des Gardeins de noz Marches vers Escoce, en lour propre personnes firent en voz marches aucun damage, a ce que nous est reportez. Si qu'il semble que le defaute ne serra trouez en mesme notre cousin si toutes choses soient bien considerees. Nientmains pur ce mettre en bone voie, selon ce votre [requisition] nous pensons denuoier a Kelsowe aucuns noz messages de meindres estatz, cest assauoir le dit Gerard Heron [et] William Fulthorp, Chiualers, Johan Mitford, et Mestre Aleyn Newerk eux quatre, trois ou deux de eux, de y estre le disme iour d'Avreill prochein venant pur treter et accorder ouec autres de perail estat des iour, manere, forme, et lieu, as queux l'en purra puruoier par voie de bone traitee, de couenable et [?amy]able fin sur les matires auantdites. Par quoi s'il vous semble expedient que celle iournee se tiegne, facez enuoier a les auantditz Gerard William Aleyn et Johan lettres de seure et saufconduyt, bones et suffisantes si par temps que celle iournee ne soit empeschez pur defaut de mesme le saufconduit. Entendantz que nous auons donez en charge as Gardeins de noz Marches vers Escoce, pur doner semblables lettres de saufconduit a ceux qui serront enuoiez de votre coustee as iour et lieu desusditz. Donne souz notre priue seal a notre Palois de Westmonster le xxvij iour de Feuerer. Sauoir vous fesons en outre que nos messages desusnomez serront a Kelsowe, marsdy prochein apres la dymenge des Palmes prochein auenir, pur y assembler ouec les messages de votre coustee. Donne come desus.

[. . .] parensi, que mesmes nos messages a lour venue as iour et lieu desusditz puissent sauoir, que escrit nous auez ensi de la volontee et assent de notre aduer-saire d'Escoce, et outre ce que la volontee de luy et des . . . de . . . est que bones et amyables tretées se [? priuignent] d'entre les deux Roiaumes sanz fraude ou mal engin. [This last paragraph is added in a different hand.]

A honure Seigneur le Comte de Douglas.

TRANSLATION.

HONOURED SIR,—We have received your letter, written at Edebredesheles, the first day of the present month of February, by which you signify to us, among other things, that on the 16th day of May last, at Kemelspeth, it was agreed between our most dear cousin, the Earl of Northumberland, and yourself, that

a certain truce should be established, by land and by sea, betwixt the two realms and their allies, to commence on the feast of St. Martin last past in winter, and to endure for one year thence next ensuing, if it should please us and our Council on the one part, and our adversary of Scotland and his Council on the other part, upon certifications in the matter between the said Earl and you on the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist last past, to the end that the grand commissaries might have assembled to treat of peace, or a long truce betwixt the two kingdoms. And that our said cousin, at the said feast of St. John, certified you by his letters under his seal, that it was well pleasing to us and our Council that the said truce should be maintained, and endure for the said year from the said feast of St. Martin. Whereupon the day of meeting of the grand commissaries was held on Monday, fifteen days after the feast of St. Michael last past. On which day, as your said letters purport, you spoke to the said Earl, rehearsing how the said truce was fixed for one year in the manner foresaid, as his letter of certification on the matter testified. And how that you offered yourself to cause maintain, keep, and perform the same truce in all points, and to cause redress be made of the attempts made by land and by sea for all the realm of Scotland, so that no fault should be found on your side, as is stated in your letters. Nevertheless, you complain greatly of our said cousin, imputing to him that the said truce was hindered and had failed entirely through his fault, and contrary to the effect of the said letters of certification. Concerning which you have requested us that we would send certain our commissaries of high rank to the Marches, having power from us to hear, declare, and amend such deficiencies; and you will procure that our said enemy shall send to the Marches commissaries of equal rank to do the like, of which you desire to be certified by the bearer of your said letters: Be pleased to know, that having seen and considered your said letters, we caused to come to our presence the honourable father in God, the Bishop of Bangor, and the said Earl, and also our most dear and faithful cousins, the Earl of Westmoreland and the Lord of Grey, Gerard Heron, knight, and John Cursoun, squire, to inform us fully on the matter, so that by good inquiry made by us in this behalf, we are certainly apprised that our said cousin, the Earl of Northumberland, at the said last meeting after Michaelmas, did nothing without the common advice and assent of the said persons associated with him as our commissaries, conforming themselves to the instructions given by us to them in the matter. And inasmuch as you affirm that the said Earl has done contrary to the tenor of his said letters of certification sent to you as above, know that

we have seen the copy of those letters of certification of our will and purpose regarding the said truce, to be maintained for one year as aforesaid, with this clause :—Moreover, that the said truce should be affirmed, maintained, and kept, according to the form, nature, and effect of these letters :—of which condition or clause inserted in the said letters of our foresaid cousin, you have made no mention in your said letters sent to us, at which we marvel. And it is to be observed, according to what our said messengers have certainly informed us, that while they were rehearsing to you, and to the other grand commissaries on your side, certain points contained in the truce fixed and agreed upon between our most dear cousin Lord Richard, sometime King of England, and his adversary of France, for them, and for their allies, and specially touching the metes and bounds of castles and their jurisdictions, to be declared for the better preservation of the same truce, to which truce the said indentures made at Kelso had relation, and when they demanded of you if these points among others comprised in the said truce would be maintained and kept, and also if you were willing to proceed to the declaration of the same points, it was quickly replied on your part, and each point denied, refusing to do what would have been the sure conservation of that truce. And besides or notwithstanding that my said commissaries offered to you to agree upon a certain truce, to be maintained simply and without any condition or declaration up to a certain time after Christmas then next to come, to the end that the commissaries on the one side and the other might have made report to their lords, if it should please them to accord some other day, or a longer truce. Nevertheless you would not agree to this in any manner, and [finally] departed without further treaty with our above-named commissaries, as by inspection of a public instrument made in the matter, we are clearly informed ; and within a short time after they were on their return to us, you rode, in your own person, in force, arrayed in manner of war, with banner or pennon displayed, to our town of Bamborough, and burned a great part of the same town and other neighbouring places, as is said. So that you began the war in your person, as one of the wardens of the Scottish Marches, before our said cousin or any other of the wardens of our Marches towards Scotland, in their own persons, had done any damage in your Marches, according to what is reported to us. So that it seems that the fault will not be found in our said cousin, if all things be well considered. Nevertheless, to put this in a right course, according to your request, we think of sending to Kelso some of our messengers of lesser rank, that is to say, the said Gerard Heron and William Fulthorp, knights, John Mitford, and Mr. Aleyn

Newerk, these four, three or two of them to be there on the 10th day of April next ensuing, to treat and agree with others of equal rank, concerning the day, manner, form, and place in which they may provide, by way of a good treaty, a suitable and [friendly] conclusion upon matters aforesaid. Wherefore, if it seem expedient to you that this day hold good, cause to be sent to the foresaid Gerard, William, Aleyn, and John, letters of sure and safe conduct, good and sufficient, in such time that the said day be not hindered for lack of such safe-conduct. Understanding that we have given in charge to the wardens of our Marches towards Scotland, to give similar letters of safe-conduct to those who shall be sent on your side at the day and place above named. Given under our privy seal, at our Palace of Westminster, the 27th day of February. We would have you know further, that our messengers above named will be at Kelso, the Thursday next after Palm Sunday next to come, to meet with the messengers from your side. Given as above . . . Moreover, that our said messengers, at their arrival at the day and place above stated, might know that you have written to us according to the will and consent of our adversary of Scotland; and besides, that his will and that of [his Council?] is, that good and friendly treaties be established between the two realms, without fraud or evil intent.

To the Honour'd Lord, the Earl of Douglas.

10. MARGARET QUEEN OF SCOTS to Mr. ADAM WILLIAMSON, Clerk,
acknowledging receipt of Instructions. 22d January [1516].¹

TRAIST CLERK,—We grete ze hartlye wele, and we hafe ressauit zour cunsell, with the instructions fra our familiar clerk Schir James Inglish, and considerit the samyne, quhilk was ryght plesaunt to ws yff it hadd bene possible to doo eftir the said cunsell, bot as zourself may wele consider the inopportunitie that was quhen ze war here, and sethin fer mare, and that folk of this land are se inquisytyfe that sic thing may nocth be performit without grete knawlege to sindry folk, and thair is nane that I may trust bot my husband and his vnkle, quhillk ar ryght glad tharto yf it mycht be, praying to be diligent in all matteris as ze hafe bene in tyme paste in vther things. Gefe credens to ye Appostolate and Shyr Jamys writings.

At Perth, the xxij day of Januarye.

MARGARET R.

To our traist clerk, Master Adam Williamson.

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

11. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY, objecting to the Earl of Angus's return to Scotland. Edinburgh, 6th October [1524]. Old copy.¹

MY LORD CARDINAL,—I comend me hartely, and I have receyvit your writing, with the artickls subscribed with your hand, whereunto I have maid answer at length in al poyns, and therefor I will not be long to you in this writyng; but I pray you hartaly, my Lord, to considre wel the awnswere of your said artickles, and not to take so grete regard as ye do by your writing to my Lord of Anguss, which and ye do will put grete trouble in this realm, and hable to put the King my son in his enimys hands: Wherefor, seyng that I and my pertakers have put the King my son out of the dangier that he was in, I think shulde be wel considred, and in such a sort that the Erle of Anguss shulde not be sent in this realme, and specialy by the Kings grace my brother, who must be our defender and helper, and shuld giue occasion to noblemen to take [the] Kyng my sonis part and mine, believing that there through wyn his grace's favour, and will caus them to be the better servaunts to the Kyng my son and me; and giff his grace will send in the Erle of Anguss that is contrary parte to th' Erle of Arryn, it will be occasion to hym to leve the gud parte that he hath keiped, and to labour otherways for hymselfe, where now he hath put himself and all his frinds in danger of there lives and lands, for the weale of the King my son and me; and giff this should not be loked upon before the pleasure of the Earle of Angus, that did never sic steed and service to the Kyng my son and me, nor may not do, suppose ye my Lord be otherways informed and geues trust to the same, as the artickles bereth at length. Not the less, my Lord, I pray yow, as my gret trust is in yow, that yow will labour in that sort for me, that I and my parttakers may be in a surety that the Earle of Anguss shal not come in Scotland, as at more length the artikles berys, and that with diligence I may be advertysed of the King's grace my brother's pleasure; for while that I be in surety of sick maters as I have written, I trust th' embasadour shall not be sped, for my parttakers thinketh that giff they laboure for the pleasure of the Kings grace my brother, that on his side he shoulde shew kindness to them afore any Scotishman after the King my son; praying yow therefor, my Lord, to give good counsell to the Kyngs grace my brother, and to let me have answer incontinent for the furthering of matters, and God have yow in his keeping. Written the sixth day of October, at Edinburgh.

¹ Douglas Charter-chest.

12. KING JAMES THE FIFTH to CARDINAL WOLSEY, desiring the Bishopric of Moray for Alexander Douglas. Stirling, 26th April [1528].¹

MAIST reuerend fader in God, we commend ws to zou in our maist hartlie wyse, signifying vnto zou, that quene ony materis occurris quharinto zour supple is commodius, we fynd zou euer thankfullie and hartlie to ws and our realme, quharthrou, havand ferme confidens in zour faught and kindnes, we wrt presentlie to haue zour lettres direct to our haly fader the Paip, for promotioune of Alexander Douglas, naturale sonne to our traist counsalour and thesaurar, Archibald Douglas, to the bischoprick of Murray, quhilk is differrit throu defalt of his matur aige, or rather throu sollistatioun and menis of our eme the Duk of Albany. Quharfor, maist reuerend fader, we pray zou ryght effectuylie to direct zour lettres with expeditioune to the effect aboun wrtitin, with dispensationis neidfull, being suyr that we salbe glaid and desirous to rander hartlie and intuall kindnes, quhilk ze soll find in deid, gif ony caise soll happen to occur quharin we may do plesour to zou; praying God to haue zou, maist reuerende fader, in his graciuss keping. Gevin onder our signet, and subscriuit with our hand, of our castell of Striuling, the xxvj day of Aprill, and of our regnne the xv yeir.

JAMES R.

To ane maist reuerend fader in God, Thomas, Cardinal of Zork, Chancellar and Legat of Ingland, etc.

13. KING JAMES THE FIFTH to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, explaining his intentions against the Borderers. Stirling, 23d June [1528].²

RICHT Excellent, richt lie and mighty Prince, oure derrest uncle, brothere, and confederate, we gif zow our maist cordialle recommendacionis. Plesithe zow have knawlege we have inserte in oure lettres direckit to the wardanis on zour bordouris the caus quhy presentlie the raid and ost till have bene led incontrar the thevis and rebellis one oure bordouris wes delayit and postponit, quhilk now maire planlie we schaw wnto zow. Derrest uncle, ye soll understand the estatis of oure realme and consaile as in ane parte discontentit of the ordoure of justice ministrat in tymme bypast be the Erle of Angus oure chancellaire, and inlyk wys we have oft and divers tymes considerit mony apperand dangeris and inconvenientis on the bordouris of baith the realmys, hendering of justice and due redres in defalt of oure said Chancellaire, as we ar informit. And for the haisty remedy and reformacioune in the premissis, we have set ane generall counsaile universalie

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

² *Ibid.*

of the estatis of oure realme in Edinburghe, the x day of Julii nixt, quhaire, God willing, be the avis of our weill myndit Counsaile, we sall provyde sua that the directe and ryght ordoure of justice withoute pertialite may be ministrat universalie till all oure liegis wythin our realme, wythe gude and deliberate determinacioune, tuichand the effaris of oure bordouris, and in syk manere that in tyme cummyng thair sall noct be syk occasioune of plantys as hes bene in tyme bypast, to the effecte amite, luff, and frendship betuix ws baithe, our realmes and liegis, may have encreas and fortherans. Thairfore, derrest uncle, in cais the said Erle wald meyne wnto zou of zoure onkyndnes, or of oure Counsaile, we pray zow hertlie gif nay haisty credens thareto, wnto the tyme ze persauze quhat parte we keip wnto zow and zour liegis throw the reformatioun now laitlie to be devisit, and the effecte of the samyn beand ryplie and weill considerit.

Richt excellent, ryght hie and mychty Prince, the blisst Lady mot evir have zou in governance. Gevyne onder oure signet at oure Castell of Striviling, the xxijij day of Junij, and of oure regnne the xv zeir.

Zour lovyng brothere and nephо,

JAMES R.

To ane ryght excellent, ryght hie and mychty prince, oure derrest uncle, brothere, and confederate, the King of Inglongd, etc.

14. KING HENRY THE EIGHTH to the EARLS OF ANGUS and GLENCAIRN.

3d March [1543]. Old copy.¹

RIGHT trustie and right well beloued cousyns, we grete you well, and haue receyved this present Mondaye, the 3d of Marche, your letter, dated at Dowglas the last of February, requyring an answer to be sent unto you of the same before the 9th of this said moneth; wherein, forasmuche as you haue wrytten verrye obsecurely, without declaring in your said letter unto us in what thyng you desire to knowe an awnswere of our pleasure, and for that also the day before the whiche you desire to here from us ys so nere at hande, as although we knewe wherin you wold be answered, we cannot yet satisfie you in that behalfe, we can for this tyme make you this only awnswere: That when Mr. Penven, our chapeleyn, shall be arryued here, fully enstructed on your behalfe to declare unto us what you entend and porpose to do, we shall therupon make you suche further awnswere as you shall haue cause to be contented. And encase you had, a fortenight passed, signified your minds unto us, and then requyred an awnswere of our advise and

¹ Burghley State Papers: Haynes, p. 8.

pleasure in the same, we might haue had then conuenyent tyme to have sent you such an advise as might have byn bothe to your commodities and also for the better advancement of our affaers ; which we cannot do at this present, the tyme within the whiche you requyre an answer being so short and soudayne, and the contynewe also of your letter so incertayne. Wherfore we requyre you to dispiche unto us with diligence our said chapelein, to th' entent we may, upon his arryvall here as aforesaid, retorne such answere agayne unto you as shall apperteyne ; and in the meane season prudently to forsee and dispose your things in such sorte as your enemyes catche you no more at such an advaantage, as they haue done at your last encountre togider ; signifieing unto you that encase you shall use your self towards us like men of honor and courage, as we beleve you woll, and as our faueors alredy declared and showed unto you, and that we entend hereafter upon your deserts to showe to you, doth requyre, you may be assured you shall not want the aide at our handes that you can reasonably demaunde. Praying yow to consider howe that if you had ensuyd our counsail and advice in many things heretofore, bothe you for your parts had avoyded moche inconvenyencie that hathe followed unto you, eyther by askyng our advice to late, or slacking of the tyme when thyngs shuld have been done ; and also our affaires bene thereby moche hyndred and empêched. Howbeit, things passed, yf you will do nowe like men of honor, and showe your selfs as you ought to do, may yet be easely ynougue redubbed and amended. Given under our signet at our Palace of Westminster, the 3d day at night of this moneth of March, the 35th yere of our regne.

15. THE SAME to the EARLS OF ANGUS, CASSILLIS, and GLENCAIRNE.

March 1543.¹

BY THE KING.

RIGHT trustye and right welbiloued cousins, etc. And haue received your letter by this bearer, Mr. Penwyn, our chaplayn, and likewise haue herd such credence as yone committed unto him and th' Erle of Lynoux secretary, to be declared unto us on your behalf. Whereby perceyving your desyre to have us send in thither a mayn armey for your relief, albeit your proceedings hitherto haue bene of such sorte as we shuld not be easely induced to be at any farther charge at your desyres, or by your devises, untill wee sawe sum better effect folowe of the same thenne hath done heretofore ; yet conceyving upon the report that our

¹ Burghley State Papers : Haynes, p. 20.

sayd chaplyn and the sayd secretary hath made unto us on your behalfs, that youe will ernestly redubbe things negligently handled in tymes bypast, and prosecute that, that you haue now in hand to be done agaynst your ennemys and ours, with more constante and better courrage thenne you haue done heretofore, we haue sent unto youe such an aunswere by this sayd bearer touching your desyre, as you shall haue good cause in reason and honour to think youe well satisfied in that behalf, likeas he can declare unto youe more particularly. Geven under our signet at our Palais of Westminster, the daye of Marche.

16. THE SAME to the EARL OF ANGUS, encouraging the latter. *Circa 1543.¹*

RIGHT trusty and right welbeloued cousyn, we grete you well. And wheras you, with sum others the Lordes our freends in those partes, have made request unto us to send furthwith for your relief a mayn armey into Scotland, our aunswere to sum parte wherof ye shall perceyve by the reaporte of our chaplyn, Mr. Penven and Thomas Bishop, the Erle of Lynoux secretarye. We shall desyre you, my Lorde, to consydre how good and gracious we have bene unto you, even sithens the begynnyng of our acquyntaunce unto this present, and how that you, being bounde in honour to serve us loyally in recompence of the same, and having in that behaulf made unto us sundry fayere promyses, nothing the more hath by your meanes hitherto taken effect or cummen to any good purpose ; the cause wherof not only we, but well nere all the rest of our freendes and yours, haue thought to consist onely in that you haue suffred your self to be seduced with fayre woords and flaterye, and slakly passed the things you had in hande, and done them with less care than the importaunce of the same hath requyred. For if you had, my Lord, followed things bypast earnestly and lyke a veray man of harte and couraige, as we have allwaies esteemed you, taken and prosecuted them in tyme, and used your ennemyes whenne you had them at advaantage, as you see nowe they use you and yours, thenne had nother you bene dryven to the point you be now at, nor we haue had cause to be at such charge as by your means we have bene at, and for your sake, and by your devise, entend to be at this present, in case you and others shall agree to those reasonable things that we requyre you to do for th' assuraunce of your good service towardes us.

And therfore, my Lorde, if you esteme your honour and the reputacion of your manhood, which we have of long tyme conceyved of you, bestirre yourself at this present, and play the man. Laye aparte all fond affections, and suffre not

¹ Burghley State Papers : Haynes, p. 19.

yourself, being a nobleman and noted a man of courage, to be overcom with delicatenes, now at this time specially, whenne that you shuld shewe yourself industrios for the preservation of your honour and credit, both towards us and all the rest of the woорlde that knoweth you. You haue tasted much of our liberalitie before you had deserued any ; and yf you shall serve us nowe franklye, and as our goodnes in tyme past dothe requyre, think not but that you shall serve a prince that hath yet in store much liberalytie to imparte unto you.

We write our mynde playnly and sincerenly unto you, because we love you and tendre your honour and reputacion, and wold be loth you shulde do any thing for lack of good aduise or freends monition that myght empayre the same. And therfore we requyre you to pondre this our frendly advertisement, and to execute the same in such sorte as we may haue cause to think it written to sum effect, wherof we shall be gladde, and also consydre the same agayne towards you for our parte in such sorte as shall apperteyne ; requyring you, as our special trust is in you, to cause us haue aunswere herof, and also to cause as much expedition to be used for the sending of such personnes as shall cum to mete with our commissioners at Carlisle, as can possibly be used.

17. KING HENRY THE EIGHTH to SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS.

19th February 1544.¹

TRUSTY and welbiloved, we grete you well. And wheras of late at a meeting had, at your desyre, betwen youe and our right trusty and welbiloved counsaillor Sir Rafe Eure, knight, the Lord Warden of our Midle Marches, you have not onely declared unto the same (as he hath enformed us), that you dread much our displeasure for your procedinges now of late, desyring us to forgyve youe such thinges as wherein you have offended us, as yourself confessyd, in travailing so much to have the favour of the Quene, the Gouvernour, and the Cardinal ; offring, for reconciliation of our favour to you in that behaulf, that you will do whatsoever we woll commaunde you to do, oreles that we shall well knowe that you are not of power able to do it ; and that also, if our pleasure be to have your brother refuse the lieutenauntship, you wilbe meane that he shall do it ; but also that the Quene and Gouvernour and others the noble men of that realme ar desyrous to have a salveconduct for certain ambassadours to cum unto us, authorised to offre such thinges as they think we woold be contented withall : We late you wite, that, albeit having don so much both for youe and your brother as

¹ State Papers, 1830, vol. v. p. 415.

we have don, and as your self at the forsayd meeting did confesse, and all the woorld knoweth besides, and in recompence therof, fyndyng you not only slack in the aduaancement of our affayres, but more adverse and against the same, then any our moost mortal foes within that realme hath ben, and using such facions anempst us, in all your doinges and procedinges, as we have had good cause to conceyve an evil opinion of you, and to beare youe our displeasure justly for the same : yet, we beyng a prince of clemency, not desirous of revenge where we see humble submission ; forasmuch as we perceive by th'information of our sayd Warden that you ar sory for that which is past, and desyre of us pardon therfor, shewyng that it shuld be moch to your confort to here from us that we wer your good and gracious Lord, upon the hope we have that your woordes procede from a syncere hart, albeit youe have heretofore gyven us occasion to think the contrary, and that from hensforth you for your part will serve us according to your promesse and our expectation, and likewise cause your brother to leave th'office of lieutenantship, which he hath taken upon him in hand, we ar contented to remitt and pardon youe of all that is past, and to accept you unto our favour and grace agayn ; trusting you will gyve us cause to be good Lord unto you, likeas in dede we determin to be in case your doinges be correspondent to your sainges. As touching the comming in of ambassadours, and also the desperation which is amonges the noble men of Scotlande, for that it is bruited that we will no way but an extreme warr, and that we entende to conquerre the realme, and to make all the noble men shephardes ; surely that brute is most injust, and devised by them which woold rather your mischefe and your destruction, then any good way betwene these two realmes. And for our part we have never gyven that, wherby youe or any other shuld gather or thynk by our procedinges any such injust opinion of us, what just occasion soever hath ben ministred unto us to work extremityes, and to seke revenge of dishonorable and moost disloyall procedinges of you, amonges you there, with us. Sumwhat God hath alredy plaghed that realme, and without shorte amendement wil undoubtedly plague it more vehemently. Nevertheles, for our part, we wer never so much gyven to seke revenge on that realme, what cause so ever we had ministred unto us ; but to them that woold submitt themselves ernestly, and seke unfaynedly to redubbe things by passed, we could be contented to enclyne our hart to grace and clemencye, which you may be bold to notifye to the rest on our behalf. And therefor, seeing that the Gouvernour, Quene, and nobles of that realme make now sute, and request to treate with us upon the mariage of our sonne and pronept,

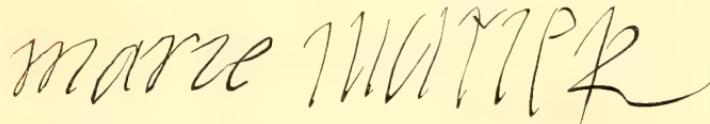
and th'establisshement of a peax, if that they meane it effectually, and to th'intent there may be an unite and concord betwen both the realmes, will shortly, within 8 or 10 dayes after the delyvery of these our letters unto youe, and bona fide procede with us, and send your commissioners, we ar contented to graunte a salve-conduct to any two or three they will send for that purpos to cum to our town of Anwyke, so as yourself by one; trusting you will travail that th'other two also shalbe men of reason, and good disposition to bring the thinges to a good perfection. Signifying unto youe that, when you shall advertise our lieutenaunt of those which shalbe sent out of Scotlande be redy to cum, appoynting the nombre of 20 in theyr company, fully enstruced and authorized by the Gouvernour, Quene, and the consent of the hole Parlament to commyn and conclude upon the sayd purposes, wherin we advertise youe we looke to have more substanciall hostages, and more larger conditions then before we agreed unto, when those which be now our enemyes were our frendes, we will addresse to our sayd lieutenaunt a saveconduct with a blank for the names of them to be inserted that shall cum, who shall sende it unto youe upon your request for the same; and likwise wil appoyn commissioners to mete youe at our sayd towne, full authorised and instructed to commyne and conclude on our behaulf. Requyring you that, onles it be ment there to work syncerly and directly with us, there be non sent; for if you shuld practise with us to seeke delay and wynne tyme, you shall loose your credit for ever, both with us and all other, and provoke our displeasure the more against youe, purchasing thereby at length your own confusions; wheras dealing uprightly and truely, as besemeth men of honour and noble blood, wynnyng therewithall reason and indifferent conformitye, it can not be chosen but honour and good will ensue therupon, and such a quietnes, peax, and tranquillity, as shalbe beneficial to both the realmes.

18. DECLARATION in favour of ARCHIBALD EARL OF ANGUS, subscribed by Queen Mary at Paris, on 28th April, and by her mother, Mary, Queen-Dowager and Regent, at Edinburgh, on 20th June [1555].

REGINA.

WE, havand remembrance of the gude, trew, and vailzeant seruices done to ws and our maist noble progenitouris of gude mynd, quahame God assolze, be our richt traist cousing, Archibald, Erle of Angus, Lord Douglas, etc., and his predecessouris be the tennour heirof declaris that be oure generall reuocatioun, to be maid in

our Parliament to be holdin at Edinburgt, the xx day of Junij nixtocum, it is nor was neuir our menyng or intentioun to mak derogatioun to the infektmentis quhatsmeuir maid be ws in our minorite and les age, witht auis and consent of oure richt traist cousing, James, now Duke of Chattallarault, Erle of Arrane, Lord Hammiltoun, etc., our tutour, protectour, and gouernour of our realme for the tyme, to our said richt traist cousing, Archibald, Erle of Anguis, in lifrent, for all the dayis of his life, and to vñquhile James Dowglas his sone, and than apperand air, and his airis maill lauchfullie to be gottin of his body, quhilkis failzeing, to the airis maill of our said cousing, Archibald, Erle of Anguis, or his assignais quhatsmeuir, off quhatsmeuir landis, lordschippis, baronyis, regaliteis, castellis, touris, fortalices, milnis, woddis, fischeingis, contenit in the saidis infektmentis, witht tenentis, tenendrijs, seruice of fre tenentis, aduocationis, donationis, and richtis of patronages of kirkis, benefices, and chapellanreis of the samin; nor that the samin or ony part therof suld cum vnder our said reuocatioun generall, and in sa fer as the samin apperis to cum or may cum and be comprehendit vnder our said reuocatioun, or that the said reuocatioun may ony wis be or appeir to be preiudiciale to our said cousing, Archibald, Erle of Anguis, and his airis maill contenit in the saidis infektmentis: We, of our full quenlie power absolute and auctorite riall, be thir presentis, reponis, reintegratis our said cousing and his airis maill specifeit in the saidis infektmentis aganis our said reuocatioun, and makis thame to be in the samin place as the samin reuocatioun had neuir bene maid nowther in speciali nor generall, or as we had speciale in our said reuocatioun reseruit and exceptit the saidis infektmentis furth of the samin; commanding heifore oure clerk of register to insert this our declaratioun in our buikis of Parliament, to remane therin ad perpetuam rei memoriam, and to extract and draw furth the auctentik copy heirof to our said cousing and his airis maill in auctentik forme, to be kepit and vsit be thame at thair plesour. Subscriuit witht our hand at Paris, the xxvij day of Aprile, and gevin vnder our signet, and subscriuit be our deirest moder, Marie, quene dowarrier and regent of our realme, at our command, the xx day of Junij, and of oure regnne the xij zeir.

A large, flowing handwritten signature in black ink, reading "marie WARIER". The signature is written in a cursive Gothic script, with "marie" on the first line and "WARIER" on the second line, connected by a long horizontal stroke.

19. LICENCE by KING JAMES THE SIXTH to WILLIAM DOUGLAS of Glenbervie and his Spouse, to eat flesh between certain dates. Stirling, 1st March 1578.

REX,

WE vndirstanding that our louittis, Willame Dowgles of Glenbervie and Geillis Grahame his spous, is subiect to seiknes and diseiss of body, thairfair, be the tennour heirof, to haue gevin and grantit licence to the saidis personis, and twa with thame in cumpanie, to eit flesche als oft as thai pleis, fra the aucht day of Marche instant to the xix day of Apryle nixtocum, without cryme, skayth, pane, or dangare to be incurrit be thame thairfair, in thair bodies or gudis, notwithstanding ony our actis, proclamationis, or inhibitionis maid in the contrair; quhairament, and panes contenut thairin, we dispens be thir presentis. Gevin vndir our signet, and subscriuit witht our hand, at our Castell of Strueling, the 1st day of March, and of our regnne the twelft zeir, 1578.

J James R.

Robert Nesbyt satisfyet.

20. DISCHARGE by KING JAMES THE SIXTH to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, of the fines of the Sheriffdom of Berwick. Holyrood House, 20th September 1580.

REX.

WE, vnderstanding that our ryght trest cowsking and counsallour, Archibald, Erle of Angus, Lord Dowglas and Abernethie, etc., Shereff-principall of our sherefdom of Berwik, is chargit be the Lordis Auditouris of our Chekker for payment of the sowme of ii^mv^e lxxxiii lbs. xii s. viii d. mone, aucht chalderis quheit, aucht chalderis beir, sex pennies argenti, restand awand to ws of the males, fermes, few-fermes, dowlingis of few-ferms, blanchis, relevis, and vtheris dewteis of certane landis lyand within our said schirefdome, quhairwith our said schiref is chargit in his compt of the said schirefdome sen his acceptatioun of the said office, quhilk was in the monethe of Januare, the zeir of God i^mv^e thre scoir threttene zeiris, and that sen syne, partlie be occasioun of the lait trubles, and vtherwayis be ressoun our said schirefdome and inhabitantis thairof hes bene oft and diuers tymes vext and trublit with the brokin men of the bordour of Ingland, adiacent thairto, oure said ryght trest cowsking hes newir as zit ressauit or intromettit with any dewtie or casualtie belanging properlie to ws of the said office, bot rather spent grait substance and tyme in reforming of sic enormeteis quhairwith thai war inquietit and perturbit, the tyme of his acceptatioun of the said office of befoir and sensyne. Thairfoir, and for diuers vthers causis and consideratiounis moving ws, we, with awise of the Lordis of our Privie Counsale, have discharget, and be the tenour heirof dischargis our said ryght trest cowsking, and his deputis quhatsumeir of the said schirefdome, off all and sindrie the saidis sowmes of money, victualis, dewteis, or vthers casualties of the said office of schireschip abonewritten, belanging to ws sen the tyme of his acceptatioun of the said office; commanding the Lordis Auditouris of our Chekker to defeis and allowe to our said ryght trest cowsking quhatsumeir dewtie or casualtie belanging to ws of the said office, as said is, during the said space, quhairwith he is chargit in our chekker, vpon the sycht of thir our lettres, quhilkis sal be zour warrant. Subscrivit with our hand at Halyruidhous, the twenty day of September, and of our regne the xiiiⁱ zeir, 1580.

[The signatures to the original Discharge are given in facsimile on the following page.]

{ James F.

George L. W.

21. LETTER by JAMES THE SIXTH, relieving Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, from ward beyond the water of Southesk. 6th April 1584.

REX.

WE, be the tennour heirof, with auise of the Lordis of oure Secretit Counsall, frethis and relevis oure rycht traist couising, Archibald Erll of Angus, Lord Dowglas and Abirnethy, furth of his present ward be north the watter of Southesk, quhairin he was commandit to remane; to the effect he may repair to our burgh of Dunde, or ony vther part thairabout, quhair he may maist comodiouslie haue schipping to depart furth of our realme to the partis beyond sey, according to our licence grantit to him to that effect, without pane, skayth, or dangeare to be incurrit be him thairfoir, in body, landis, or gudis, nochtwithstanding ony our lawis, actis, statutis, inhibitionis, or chargeis direct in the contrair; quhairanent, and panis contenit thairin, we dispens be thir presentis, dischargeing all our iugeis and ministeris of our lawis of all molesting, troubling, or perseweing of our said rycht traist couising for the caus foirsaid, and of thair offices in that part: Prouiding alwayis, that he repair na wayis be sowth the watter of Tay, nor zit pas northwart outwith the boundis of Angus, in the menetyme, afoir his departing furth of our realme, as said is, vtherwayis thir presentis to be null and of na force nor effect thaireftir. Gevin vnder our signet, and subscriuit with our hand, at Haliruidhous, this sext day of Apryle, and of our regnne the xvii zeir, 1584.

JAMES R.

ARRANE.

PETTYNWEM.

Dorsò: Apud Haliruidhous, sexto Aprilis, anno, etc., lxxxiii^o. Sederunt—

Ergyle.	Clerk of Register.
Huntly.	Segie.
Arrane.	Murdochairny.
Rothes.	Pettinweme.
Downe.	
Thirlstane.	
Lochinvar.	

Past and subscriuit in Counsall.

JOANNES ANDRO.

22. QUEEN ELIZABETH to KING JAMES THE SIXTH, mediating for the Scottish Lords who retired to England. 3d October 1584. Old copy in an English hand.

RIGHT highe, etc. Before your late Parliamente, held in August last, wee were verie earnestlie pressed by the distressed noble men, your subiectes, retyred into this our realme, to haue enterposed our creditt towards you, by waye of mediation, for the staie of proceedinge against them in the said Parliament; which we then forbare to doe, vppon information geiuen vnto our cosen, the Lord of Hunsdon, by the Earle of Arreyn at the tyme of their conference, that you had discouered some newe matter against the said Lords, touchinge some intent they had to haue attempted somewhat in that your realme tendinge to the trouble thereof, not without some peril to your owne person. But fyndinge nowe, as well by such proofes as haue ben sythence sent by the said Earle vnto our said cosen, for the maintenance of the trueth of the said allegation, as also by the reporte made vnto vs by our servante Davison since his retourne, that the said imputacion hath not fallen out in prooфе as was geiuen out, but rather is to be presomed that the same tended to make our mediation frvteles, and to hinder your goodnes towrdes them. We cannot, beinge perswaded in our owne conscience, that they neyther haue nor do carrie anie euell or vndvytfvll meaninge towrdes your owne person, as they haue most earnestlie and relligiouslie protested, since their repaire into this our realme, but most effectuallie prae you for our sake, not onlie to forbeare the disposinge of such landis as of late are fallen vnto you by forfeitture in the said Parliament, but also to be contente to suffer them to enjoye some such parcell thereof for their maintenance duringe the tyme of their exile as by you shalbe thought meeete, with regarde had to their states and qualitieſ. And whereas heretofore, vppon lyke mediation for the maintenance of your refusall, you haue answeared our mynisters that, by our dyrrection, haue dealt with you in that behalfe, that the example would be dangerous to deale so remisely towrdes suche as had sought the trouble of your realme and perill of your owne person, and thereupon hath praied vs that we would forbeare to presse you any further therein then we ourelves would like to be pressed in the lyke case. We cannot, notwithstandinge, but advise you to consider and weyghe the difference betweene troubles styrred vppe in a settled state and kingdome, where the authoritiſ of a prynce, by due admynistration of iustice, is respected as appertaineth, and those which fall out in a state where the

regall authoritie in the tyme of a younge prince's mynoritié growtheth to contempte, and carrieth not that vallewe and reuerence that it ought to doe, whereby there riseth factions and partialties that breedie manie disorders, which cannot be redressed or staied by such as haue but a temporarie gouernement, duringe the sayd prince's mynoritié. And therefore, when a prynce growtheth to those yeares that do enable him to take the gouernement into his owne handes, eache faction seeketh, eyther by force or practise, to possesse himself either of his fauour or person, that vnder the coloure of his authoritie they maie prosecute their particular reuenges by chargeinge the contrarie partie with disloyaltie ; whereof sondrie examples haue ben seen not onlie in that kingedome, but in all vther kingdomes duringe the mynorities of younge kinges and princes ; for helpe whereof, a younge prynce, well counselled, ought in the beginninge of his entrance into [his] kingdome to seeke some good meanes by advice of Parliament orderlie called, or otherwyse to compounde those factions and partialties, and not to suffer the countenance and creditte of his authoritie to be abused by such as, vpon the vantage of the gayninge of his eare and person, seeke their particuler reuenges, to the weakeninge of his estate and the peril of his owne person, when men forced through desperation are carried into the vse of violent remedies, whereof no countrie nor kingedome hath yealded more dangerous and doulourous examples then that realme : And therefore we, as carefull of your well-doinge (whatsoeuer construction hath ben made to the contrarie), haue alwaies advised you to a temperate corse, foreseeinge that violence, neither in gouernment nor otherwise, carrieth perpetuite. And therein we haue in such sorte dealte towards you, touchinge the advice we haue geiuen you, as we could haue lyked to haue ben dealt withall, if we had ben in the lyke state ; fyndinge nothinge more dangerous or dishonourable for a prynce, then to make himself a partie of a faction in his owne realme, who ought alwaies to carrie the ballance euen, and not of a head and cheif to become a member. Herein we take vpon vs to be the bolder to aduise you in respect that you haue so earnestlie protested to be at our deuotion, and to preferre our frendshippe before all others, which hath ben latelie testified vnto vs both by the Earle of Arreyn, delyuered vnto our cosen of Hunsdon, as also by our servante Davyson, delyuered to ourselves, which, as we accept in most thankfull sort, so shall we be fownde readie to requyte with all kindnes and gratvytye. And therefore we doubt not but if you shall well weighe our advice (thoughe it maie be by some enterpreted that it proceadeth rather of a desier we haue to further the cause of these poore noble men whose releefe we seeke, then of anie good will we

beare you), it wilbe founde notwithstandinge, both by yourself and such as you shall acquainte herewith, that are not lymed with faction, but preferre your honour and safetie before particuler respectes, that the same is no lesse profitable for you to receaue and ffolowe (the present state of your realme duelie considered) then honourable for us to geiue, which if we shall see accompanied with as little effectes as other requestes and aduises we haue heretofore geiuen you (the same havinge alwaies tended to your good), then shall we haue iust cause to doubt that these late protestations you make ar not accompanied with that sinceritie that we could wishe in one so nearelie tyed vnto vs in bloode and neighborhooде, and therefore cannot but plainelie lett you vnderstande, as our nearest kinsman and neighbor, that accordinglie as we shall receaue answeare from you, so are we hereafter to make accompt of your goodwill and frendshippe towards vs.

23. QUEEN ELIZABETH to the EARLS OF ANGUS and MAR, 10th October
[1584].

RIGHT trusty and right welbiloud cousins, we grete you well. How carefull and redy we haue alwayes bene and presently ar to do anything, both towards the King and otherwise, that may in any sort work your good, this bearer Mr. Colvile can declare vnto you, for we cannot be vnymyndfull of the great goodwill and deuotion you haue alwayes borne vs, so farr furth as may stand with your duetie to your souuerayn; and therefor we woold be glad, by all good and honnorabile meanes, to make it appere vnto youne and to the woorlde by effects, how thankfully we accept therof. And although such meanes of mediation as we have made towards the King (wherin we haue not omitted any oportunitie), hath not ben accompanied with those frutes that we looked for, yet we hope herafter, when he shall looke into his estate, and see in what hard termes he standeth, through the generall discontentement of the present gouernement there (wherof we meane shortly to put him in mynd, as by a copie of a lettre which we haue deliured to the sayd Colvile you may perceive), we hope God will open his eyes and direct his hart to take sum more temperat course then hitherto he hath done, by seking the recouery of the goodwilles of you and the rest of his nobilitie, his good and faithfull subiects and servants, who, whatsoeuer is geven out to the contrary, we ar in our owne conscience persuaded, desyre nothing more than his honour and savetie. For the rest of the matters communicated vnto vs by the said Colvile, we refer you to

such aunswer as we haue deliured vnto him, wherwith we doubt not but you will rest satisfied. Geuen at our Honour of Hampton Court, the 10th day of October, in the xxvith yere of our reign.



Postscripta.—Knowing how necessary it is to remove the querels and vnkindnes that depend betwen you and the house of Hamilton, and to reconcile you in good will and freindship among yourselves, we haue directed our lettres to the two Lords Hamiltons to that purpos, and appointed our trusty and welbilouid Henry Anderson, Mayour of Newcastel, to travell betwen you for th'effecting of the said reconciliation, as himself shall more particularly declare vnto youe: Not doubting but that you will shew yourselfes as forward and willing to yeld to this our motion, as the same doth in itself import your own particular good and benifit.

To our right trusty and welbiloued cousins the Erles of Anguss and Marr.

24. QUEEN ELIZABETH to the EARLS OF ANGUS and MAR and the MASTER
OF GLAMMIS. 22d March 1584.

RIGHT trusty and right welbilouid cousins, we grete you well. We wer very glad, by your late lettres vnto vs, written both wisely for the matter, and in moost duetifull sort towards the King your souuerayn, to fynd our opinion touching your innocencie in those haynous matters you ar now chardged withall,

confirmed by the moost earnest protestations made by you touching your clerenes in that behalf; for we can never be induced to think so hardly of you as that men of your religion and byrth can be drawnen for any cause to think so vnduetifull a thought against a sacred prince, much les to make yourselves parties in so divelish and horrible an attempt. We hope that the King, your souuerayn, when he shall fynd the contrivers of thies moost slanderous imputations against you, wilbe drawnen, as both honnour and reason commaundeth, to extend that punyshement that apperteyneth to so ill instruments, and to remove the hard opinion conceaved against you by their indirect practizes; wherein you may assure yourselves that we will do our vttermoost indeavour to perswade him to procede to a very severe examination and tryall of so indirect practizes, tending to so wicked a purpos as to breed an alienation of the good will of his best devoted subiects. In the meane tyme, we can not but aduise you to cary yourselves very warely, both in your speaches and actions; for as Christ, having but twelue disciples, found one Judas among them, so can it hardly be but that there is sum false brother amongst you, who, though we doubt not but you will cary yourselves in such sort, as you nede not to care who be your eye witnesses of your actions, yet for that men that ar maliciously disposed wilbe redy to make the hardest constructions vpon the best text, you cannot behaue yourselves to circumspectly. And so for other matters referring you to Mr. John Colvile, we make here an end; beseching God to haue you (good cousins) alwayes in his blessed keping. From our manour of Grenewich, the xxiith day of March 1584, in the xxviith yere of our reign.

Your lovinge assured cousin and frend,

ELIZABETH R.

To our right trusty and right welbilouid cousins the Erles of Anguish and Marre and the Maister of Glams.

25. LETTER OF ATTORNEY by KING JAMES THE SIXTH in favour of Alexander Lindsay, Master of Spynie, for receiving ten thousand merks from William, ninth Earl of Angus. 16th August 1590.

REX.

WE, for diuers resonable caussis and considerationis moving ws, haif maid and constitute, and be the tennour heirof, makis and constitutis our familiare seruitour, Mr. Alexander Lindsay of Spynie, oure factour, commissioner, and procuratour,

for ws, in our name, and vpon our behalff, to intromett with, vptak, ask, craiff, and ressaane fra our richt traist couising, Williame, Erle of Angus, Lord Douglas and Abirnethie, etc., the sowme of ten thousand merkis, and that of the first and reddiest, of the rest of the sowme of threttie-fye thousand merkis quhilikis ar, or will be, restand awand be our said traist couising to ws, be the decreit of the Lordis of our Counsall pronuncit thairupoun, vpoun the xiii day of August instant, and to dispone and imploy the same sowme, according to our directiouin to be gevin to the said Mr. Alexander thairanent; commanding heirfoir our said traist couising, Williame, Erle of Angus, to reddelie answer, obey and mak thankfull payment of the foirsaid sowme of ten thousand merkis to the said Mr. Alexander, our factour foirsaid, and to nane vtheris; and dischargeing him, be thir presentis, of all ansuering or making of payment thairof, nor of na pairt of the samin, ather to our thesaurer, comptrolleris, collectouris, nor to quhatsumeuir vther persone or personis, notwithstanding ony command, preceptis or chargeis gevin or to be gevin or directit to him thairupoun; quhill sowme foirsaid salbe thankfullie allowit to our said traist couising, vpoun the sicht of the said Mr. Alexanderis acquittance, to be ressaunt be him vpoun the payment thairof; quhilk acquittance and discharge we, be thir presentis, declair, will, and grant, salbe als sufficient to our said traist couising as gif the samin war subscrivit and deluerit be our selff; with speciali and full power alsua, gif neid beis, to the said Mr. Alexander, our factour foirsaid, ather to rais lettres in his awin name, vpoun the foirsaid last decret, as our factour foirsaid, or in our name, for chargeing and compelling our said traist couising to mak payment to him of the sowme foirsaid, or vtherwayis to put quhatsumeuir lettres alreddie raisit, or to be raisit in our name, to executioun aganis our said traist couising thairfoir; and alsua commanding and chargeing, be thir presentis, our aduocat to concur and assist with the said Mr. Alexander, our factour foirsaid, in raising of lettres, chargeing and persewing of our said traist couising for making of payment of the foirsaid sowme to him, as he will answer to ws vpoun his obedience, be thir presentis, subscrivit with our hand at Stirling, the sextene day of August, the zeir of God i^mv^e furescoir ten zeiris.

JAMES R.

J. T. Cancellarius.

26. KING JAMES THE SIXTH to DAME JEAN LYON, widow of Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, as to marrying Lord Spynie. [Circa 1590.]¹

MADAME, as I haue na neu occasion, sa haue I na neu thing to writh at this present, excepte a neu tout in ane aulde horne, as thay saye, thairby to renew unto you that quhilke I euer uishe to be neu in youre breist, quhill the performance thairof; I can use na other argumentis unto you then I used at my last speiking with you, and I trust I neid not to repeat the same, sen I take you to be als ueiliuilling in that maitter as euer ye uas, and in a uord as he merites, quhaise bloode, quhaise affection, and quhaise credit uith me, I hope, be nathing inferioure to any that can suite you; and in a' thing ame I suire he ouir passis thaime all, that quhaire in other folkis bestowing I ame but a consentair or assistaire, in this I ame the onlie actoure, solistaire, and bestouaire, quhom as I haue out of my auin veal beine uilling to bestou upon youris, sa neid ye not to doute I uill aduance him to sicc degree as that place meritid. Madame, as my sonnet sayes, I ame, and man contineut best freind to you baith, sen sa is; for all othirs, ye neid the less to caire, ye are cum to parfite aage, and can gouerne youreself. Now sen I ame sa constant in this maitter, and his affection sa laistin, I looke the constancy sall not inlayke at the thridd hande, quhilke otheruayes, as Godd forbidd, this maitter being sa publictie brokkin furth as it is, ualde turne to my skorne, his skaith, and youre small honoure. Fair neill.

He that nill and can best in this cause,
JAMES R.

27. KING JAMES THE SIXTH to DAME JEAN LYON, widow of Archibald, eighth Earl of Angus, urging her marriage to Lord Spynie. [Circa 1590.]²

MADAME, althocht the straitness of this tyme sa occupies me with affaires as I can neuer obtayne ane idle houre, yet in the uerrie middes thairof I ame compellid in haist to uritte to you thir feu lynes, that tyme be not tint on any hande. According to my promeis, I am resolute to advance this mann of myne, quhome for I haue nou sa lang delt with you, to the ranke that ye was last joyned uithall, that ye may be matchid uith that ranke quhilke ye presentlie possess, and this uill I do without fail at the tyme of the solemnization of my mariage, as the propest tyme for sicc ane action; and for prouyding him of a liuing correspondent

¹ From Lithograph in the collection of the late Mr. Maidment.

² *Ibid.*

to that estait, I promeis you I sall omitt na possibilite of tyme for doing the ane, als ueill as the other, quhairof the performing of this first sall be a certaine pledge. Nou, madame, sen I ame thus wayes to play my pairt on the ane syde, I looke ye uill not tyne tyme on the other pairt, as I haue allreaddie said, and thairfor I man maist earnistie request you, gif ye uill sa farr oblie me, as to testifie that ye do all this for my sayke, as ye urett unto me, that then ye uill presently subscryue the contract and cause proclaime the bannis ; quhilke thing, as I assure myself, ye uill for my prosayke at this tyme parforme, sa maye leye full accounte, that as I haue oft promeisit unto you, I sall euer remaine best freinde to you, baith be your patrone in all youre adoes, and reuenger of all tortis that any darr offer to ather of you ; and thus in haist I bidd you fair ueill.

Youre best freinde,

JAMES R.

To our right traist and weilbelouit the Countess of Angus Douarier.

28. ORDER by KING JAMES THE SIXTH to the CAPTAIN OF STIRLING CASTLE,
to receive into ward William, Master of Angus. 29th June 1591.

REX.

CAPITANE, constable, and keiparis of our castell of Streueling, we greit zou wele. It is our will, and we command zou, that, incontinent estir the sicht heirof, ze ressaue Williame, Maister of Angus, in ward within our said castell, thairin to remaine vpoun his awin expenssis, ay and quhill he be fred and releuit be ws, as ze will ansuer to ws thairvpoun ; kepand thir presentis for zour warrand. Subscrut with our hand, at our burgh of Perth, the penult day of Junij 1591.

JAMES R.

THO. Therius.

29. ORDER by KING JAMES THE SIXTH to the PROVOST AND BAILIES OF
DUNDEE, to detain in custody, or transport to Stirling, William, Master
of Angus. 29th June 1591.

REX.

PROUEST and Baillies of our burgh of Dundie, we greit zou wele. It is our will, and we command zou, that, vpoun the sicht heirof, ze keip and detene Williame, Maister of Angus, in suirtie within his awin ludgeing, or ony vther convenient place within our said burgh, and on nawyis suffer him to depaert furth of the

samin, quhill he find sufficient and responsale souirties to the contentment of ws and our Counsale, actit in the buikis of our Seereit Counsale, that he sall depart furtht of our realme within the space prescriuitt to him, and not return agane within the samin during our will, vnder the pane of ten thowsand pundis, conforme to the act and ordinance of our Counsale sett doun thairanent in all pointis. Or in cais ze will nocht retene and keip him in suirtie, as said is, that ze transport and caus him be transportit and convoyit saifie to our castell of Streueling, thairin to remaine vpoun his awin expensis, ay and quhill he find sufficient souirtie to the effect foirsaid, or be fred and releuit be ws, as ze wilbe ansuerable to ws, vpoun zour offices and obeydience, at zour vttermest perrell. Subscruiit with our hand, at our burgh of Perth, the penult day of Junij 1591.

JAMES R.
THO. The^{ius}.

30. KING JAMES THE SIXTH to the LAIRD OF GRANT, requiring him to assist the Earl of Angus. 10th November 1592.

RICHT traist freinde, we geit yow hairtlie weill. The crueltyis and disordouris laitlee committit be the lawles brokin Hielandmen, of quhom the Erlis of Huntly and Atholl hes takin maintenance, hes sa brokin the cuentre, that grit numeris of honest and trew men ar in poynt of present wrak; and baith thay noblemen likly to perrell thame selffis and thair houssis, gif the gretar diligence be not vsed to stay thair intendit revengis: And in cais persuasioun can not presently move, thair being sic daunger in delay, we haue directit our richt traist cousigne and counsallour, the Erle of Angus, with commissioune and instructionis, to haue all thingis assurrit to aye day, or, incails of refuis be ather of thame, to ioyne with the party maist reassounable and obedient, and hes directit our proclamationis for convening of our obedient subiectis to that effect; desiring yow effectuuslie that ye faill not to addres yow to our said cousing, the Erle off Angus, and assist him baith with your counsale and haill force that ye may mak, quhill this mater in hand may be settled according to our mynd and direction gevun him, quhome ye sall fermly credite: And sa lippning to your effectuall dealing in this behalff, as ye luif quyetnes and abhorris cruelnes, and will do ws acceptable seruice, we committ yow in the protectioun of God. At Haliruidhous, the tent of Nouember 1592.

JAMES R.

To our richt traist freind the Lard of Grant.

31. KING JAMES THE SIXTH to WILLIAM, TENTH EARL OF ANGUS, relative
to the disturbances in the Highlands. 28th November 1592.

RICHT traist cousing, we greit zow hertlie weill. Thinking that be this tyme
ze vnderstand quhat obedience ze soll fynd with the contendand partiis in
that north cuntrie, and heiring that the Erll of Huntlie meanis to obey our
admonitioun and directioun send with zow, thay that hes committit the recent
crueltiis, continewing obstinacie in thair raige, without all feir of God and ws,
and may work further mischeif, and waist the cuntrie, gif thay soll not be
substancialis resisted and suppressit; efter consideratioun how the force convenit
thair with zow ar not able to remane lang togidder, nor zit (being for the maist
part lawland men) able [to] do greit harme to the rebellis, sen our directioun to
zow wes that ze suld joyne in persute or defence with the party obedient, aganis
the vther continewing contemptus and obstinat; thairfore we think it expedient,
and willis zow, that ze tak the force and pouer quhilk the Erll of Huntlie is able
to mak in zour support and assistance to the persute and suppressing of the Clan-
chattan and thair partakers, sa lang as convenientlie ze may remane in the cuntrie.
Bot quhen necessarlie ze mon cum bak, that ze leif pouer and directioun to the
Erll of Huntlie, or sic as ze soll think gude to name as deputis to zow, to
prosequeute the effect of zour commissioun be all meanis possible, for defence of
the cuntrie from thair further crueltie and oppression, and thair dew pvnishment,
as ze will do ws acceptable plesour and gude seruice: Thus we commit zou to God,
at Halirudhous, the xxvii of Nouember 1592.

JAMES R.

To oure richt traist cousing and counsellour, the Erle of Angus, oure lieutenent
in the Northe.

32. KING JAMES THE SIXTH to WILLIAM, TENTH EARL OF ANGUS, his
Lieutenant in the North. 30th November 1592.

RICHT traist cousing and counsallour, we greit zow hertlie weill. Vnderstand-
ing, be zour lettre of the xxij of this instant, frome Monymusk, off the
difficulties that ze find in this zour charge and negociatioun, we think indeid
that ze haue guid occasiou to weary, wer [it] nocht in respect of ws, for quhome
ze vndertuke the burding, for the weill and quietnes of the cuntrie trublit,
and zour awin estimatioun and honour. We ar weill content to vnderstand be-

zow of the Erll of Huntlie's willing dispositioun to obey oure admonition and directiou. As to the granting of relaxatioun to his freindis, we haue resolutie adusit with oure counsail thairanent; and eftir reassoning quhat wer resonable and expedient, at last this is our conclusion, that the assurance sall pas fordwart and be subscryuit in sic generall forme as we delyererit it to zow, without exceptioun of personis being at the horne on ather syd, sen vtherwayis it culd serue to na purpos; and namelie, to draw on first a conference, and in end, a finall aggrement, quhilk mon be embracit at sum tyme; and nane of the partys wilhaue advantage be thair lang continewance in this forme of proceeding. And becaus it may be hard to promeis and vndertak assurance for personis being at the horne, for releving and clering of that doubt, we haue send zow heirwith oure declaratioun that the taking and apprehending vnder this assurance of personis being at the horne, for quhatsomevir caus, salbe na cryme, pane, nor danger to the principall parties assurand, nor thay nor nane vtheris salbe callit or accusit for thair ressett, supplie, or intercommuning with the personis at the horne, fra the day of the subscryving of the assurance vnto the end and expyring thairof; nor zit sall the same personis at the horne be persewit, trublit, or inuadit, in the law or besyde the law, be ws or oure authoritie, during the tyme of the same assurance; for vtherwayis, na assurance in sic a case as this is can be effectuall, nor zit is it possible to do ony gude in the treaty for quyeting of sic a publict truble, gif thair salbe ony place or pretens left to the partys, during the same treaty, to be followand out privat revenges. This oure conclusioun in resonun may weil satisfie baith the parties, and gevis nane of thame advantage or preijudice, saulffing onlie a small tyme of abstinence frome crueltie and vnlauchfull hostilitie, as we doubt nocht vpoun conference with thame baith, ze and thay will consider. And sa we commit zow in the protectioun of Almichtie God, at Halyruidhous, the last day of Nouember 1592.

JAMES R.

To oure richt traist cousing and counsellour the Erll of Angus, oure Lieutenant
in the northe.

33. ANNE OF DENMARK, Queen of James the Sixth of Scotland [address wanting], complaining of the Chancellor, etc. 6th January 1592.

MONSIOUR MON COUSIN,—Nous croyons bein que vous n'estes pas ignorant comme sa maieste mon treschere marie est abusee, ces nobles disestimees, l'egleise mal pourueu, et toute le royaume mal gouerneé, par l'auarice, peruerse et subtile

Monsieur mon Confin, Nous croyons bein
que vous n'estes pas ignorant comme sa Ma^{te}
mon treschere marie est abusee, ces nobles disfisti-
mees, leglise mal pourueu, et toute le royaume
mal gouvernee, par l'avarice, peruerse et subtile
practises du chancellier, qui avecq sa femme,
inter aultres leurs faictes, ont pris la hardiesse
de nous Stan dalizer du faict peu naquieres commise
par le counte du boithwell et aultres ces affoces
lequel estant chose d'honneur, n'est moins chere
a nous que nostre vie propre, parquoy nous sommes
deliberes de l'auoir reparree, et a cest effect ayant
requis la diuse de ce porteur, en quel nous nous hein
confions, et nous a declare vostre autorite
qualitees et moyennees, Surquoy nous nestimions
person de cest payes estre plus propre et habile
a nous assister en cest chose, Auguel respect nous
vous prions et requirrons affectuusment pour les
faueur et amour que portes a vostre prince et
payes, du pur uoir avecq l'aduise des nobles et
aultres qui bon vous semblera que sa Ma^{te} et
son estat soyit mieulx assuree, leglise pourueu
et le payes Soulagee, et liniure aussy a nos faist
reparree, lequel nous sommes certaines fute, fait

Seullement pour semineer dissention inter n're
treshere marie et nous, pour dommer au chancellie
moyen plus facile de faire toutes choses a songree
En quoy faisant, aultre l'hant honneur Mon-
sieur qui vous acquireres en si grand Service
faict pour vortre roya, et le patrie, vous nous
feres un signal et particuliers plasir, que duran
n're vie n'oblirons point, Remittant le surplus
a v're bonne discretion, et plus ample informa-
tion du porteur auquel nous vous prions dommer
foy et creance entier sur ce nous recommandant
a v're bonne grace, prions le bonme dieu toute
puissant

Mousieurs de vous auoir en sa sancte
garde. De n're. Palice de sanct croix le
Sixieme de Janvier 1592

v're bein bonne amy

Anna R

practises du chancellier qui aucoq sa femme inter aultres leurs faictes, ont prins la hardiesse de nous scandalizer, du faict peu nagueres commise par le counte du Boithwell et aultres ces associes, lequel estant chose d'honneur n'est moins chere a nous que nostre vie propre, parquoy nous sommes deliberes de l'auoir reparee ; et a cest effect ayant requis l'aduise de ce porteur en quel nous nous bein confions et nous a declare vostre authorite qualitees et moyennees. Surquoy nous n'estimions person de cest payes estre plus propre et hable a nous assister en cest chose ; auquel respect nous vous prions et requirons affectuusment, pour les faueur et amour que portes a vostre prince et payes, du puruoir aucoq l'aduise des nobles et aultres qui bon vous semblera que sa Maieste et son estat soyit mieux assurée, l'eglise pourueu, et le payes soulagee, et l'iniure aussy a nos faist reparee, lequel nous sommes certaines fute faict, seulement pour semineer dissention inter nostre treschere marie et nous, pour donner au chancellier moyen plus facile de faire toutes choses a son gree. En quoy faisant, aultre l'hault honneur, Monsieur, qui vous acquireres en si grand seruice faict pour vostre roy et le patrie, vous nous feres un signal et particulier plaisir, que duran nostre vie n'oblivirons point. Remittant le surplus a vostre bonne discretion et plus ample information du porteur, auquel nous vous prions donner foy et creance entier, sur ce nous recommandant a vostre bonne grace, prions le bonne Dieu toute puissant Monsieur, de vous auoir en sa saincte garde. De nostre Palice de Sanct Croix, le sixieme de Janueir 1592.

Tre bein bonne amy

Anna. R

TRANSLATION.

COUSIN,—We well believe you are not ignorant that his Majesty, my very dear husband, is deceived, the nobility unhonoured, the Church ill provided for, and the whole kingdom ill governed, through the avarice, perverse and subtle practices of the Chancellor, who, with his lady, among their other actions, have

had the presumption to speak evil of us, in connection with the outrage recently committed by the Earl of Bothwell and his accomplices; which being a matter of honour, is not less dear to us than our own life. Wherefore, we are resolved to have it retrieved; and to that effect, have requested the advice of the bearer, in whom we have entire confidence, and who has made known to us your authority, good qualities, and resources. Besides, we consider a person belonging to this country to be more proper and suitable to assist us in that matter; in respect to which we entreat and require you affectionately, for the favour and affection which you bear to your prince and country, to provide, with the advice of the nobles and others as shall seem good to you, that his Majesty and his kingdom may be better established, the Church provided for, and the country relieved, and the injury done to us likewise repaired, which we are confident has been done solely with the view of sowing dissension between our very dear husband and ourselves, in order to afford the Chancellor greater facilities for arranging everything to suit his own views. In doing which, besides the high honour, Sir, which you will acquire in rendering so great a service to your king and country, you will do us a signal and particular pleasure, which, while we live, we will not forget. Remitting the rest to your good discretion and to the more ample information of the bearer, to whom we pray you to give entire trust and confidence, we commend us to your good favour, praying the Almighty God to have you in his holy keeping. From our Palace of Holyrood-house, the 6th of January 1592.

Your very good friend,

ANNA R.

34. LICENCE by KING JAMES THE SIXTH to remove WILLIAM, MASTER OF ANGUS, suffering from an accident, to be under the care of his Mother, the Countess of Angus. 6th October 1597.

REX.

WE, vnderstanding that our cousing, Williame, Maister of Angus, hes laitlie, vpoun accident, fallin and broken his thie bayne, and that he can not be sa weil handillit and awaittit on, the tyme of his diseas, as with our cousinace, the Lady Angus, his moder, quha being presentlie great with chyld, is verray desyrous to se him for that effect; thairfoir, we haue gevin and grantit, and be thir our lettres gevis and grantis licence to our richt traist cousing, Williame, Erll of Angus, be himself or his seruandis, to transport the said Williame Maister of

Angus, his sone, furth of the Newhous, north to his moder, to remayne with hir, for his bettir handilling, quhill the spring tyme of this zeir ; and that without any cryme, skaith, pane or danger to be incurrit be our said cousing, Williame, Erll of Angus, thairthrow, in his persoun, landis, or guidis, nochtwithstanding quhatsumeir act, band, or promeis maid in the contrair : Anent the quhilkis, and panis thairin contenit, we dispence be thir presentis. Subscriuitt with our hand, and gevin vndir our signett, at Linlythqw, the sext day of October, and of our regnne the xxxi zeir, 1597.

JAMES R.

Levingstane.	Lenox.
R. Lord Setoun.	Glencairne.
Trakquair.	Blantyre.
M. T. Hamilton.	Cl ^s Reg ^t .
Carmyhall.	M ^r G. Zoung.

This lettre presentyt and registrat the day within writtin.

M^r ROBERT YOUNG.

35. COMMISSION by KING JAMES THE SIXTH to WILLIAM, TENTH EARL OF ANGUS, to bring to trial Thomas and Robert Park for the murder of William Weir. 16th January 1597.

JAMES, be the grace of God, King of Scottis, till all and sindrie our lieges and subiectis quhom it effeiris, to quhais knawlegē thir our lettres sall cum, greeting. Wit ze ws, vnderstanding that Thomas Park, and Robert Park his sone, quha ar culpabill of sindrie maist odious and detestabill crymes, and specialie of the recent cruell murthour and slaughter of vñquhile Williame Weir, sone to Walter Weir of Newtone, hantis and repairis publiclie in sindrie partis of our realme, to the greit contempt of ws and our authoritie ; thairfoir, to haif maid, constitute, and ordanit, and be thir presentis makkis, constitutes, and ordanis our rycht trest cousing and counsalour, Williame, Erle of Angus, Lord Dowglas, Abirnethie, oure Justice in that pairt, to the effect vnderwritten ; gevand, grantand, and committand to him full power and commissioun to pas, searche, seik, tak and apprehend the saidis Thomas and Robert Parkis, and, being takin, to tak diligent tryell and inquisitioun, be examination and vtherwayis, that thair complices and partakaris may be knawin ; and to that effect to put thame to torturis vpoun sic vehement presumptionis and manifest apperancis as sall be fund be thair examinationis or vther indifferent probatioun to be takin for tryell of the trewthe ; and

thaireftfir, to put thame to the knawlege of ane assys or assyssis for the saidis crymes, court or courtis neidfull for that effect, within the Castell of Dowglas, or ony vther pairt or place the said Erle sal think maist expedient, to set, begin, affix, afferme, hald and continew, als oft as neid beis, inquest or inquestis neidfull, ilk personv under the pane of xl lb. to summond and caus compeir, and with powar to mak clarkis, seriandis, Dempstaris and all vtheris officiaris and memberis of court neidfull; as alsua to vplift all vnlawis, amerciamentis and escheitis of the saidis courtis, the ane half thairof to ws, and the vther half to his awin vse for his labouris to apply. And as the saidis malefactouris sall be fundin culpabill or innocent, to do and caus be done justice vpoun thame, conforme to the lawis and practik of our realme; and generalie all and sindrie vther thingis to do, exercer and vse, that to the office of justiciarie in sic caassis that law or consuetude of this realme necessar ar knawin to pertene, or that we mycht do our self thairin, and we war personale present. Be thir our lettres gevin vnder our signet, and subscryuit with our hand, at Haliruidhous, the sextine day of Januar, the zeir of God jm^vlxxxxvii zeris, and of our regne the xxxij zeir.

JAMES R.

M. J. ELPHINSTOUN, Secret.

36. LICENCE by KING JAMES THE SIXTH to WILLIAM, TENTH EARL OF ANGUS, to remain at home from the muster of the Army against the Rebels. 1597.

REX.

We, be the tenour heirof, gevis and grantis our licence to our richt traist cousing and counsallour, Williame Erle of Angus, his houshald, men, tennentis, seruandis, and dependaris, to remane and byde at hame fra our present oist and armey, apoinittit to convene and meit ws at our burrowis of Lanerk and Drumfreis, vpoun the secund and thrid dayis of Nouember nixtocum, and to remane and attend vpoun ws the space of threttie dayis, for persute of our rebellious subiectis in the west marche, without ony pane, cryme, skaith, or dangeir to be incurrit be our said cousing and his foirsaidis thairthrow in thair personis, landis, gudis, or geir, nochtwithstanding quhatsumenir our actis, statutis, or proclamationis maid or to be maid in the contrair; quhairanent, and all panes contenit thairintill, we dispens be thir presentis. Gevin vndir our signet, and subscryuit with our hand, at the day of and of our reignne the xxxi zeir, 1597.

JAMES R.

37. LETTER, KING JAMES THE SIXTH to JOHN, SECOND EARL OF MAR, as to lease of the Crawford-Lindsay teinds, wrongly given to the Earl of Angus. Whitehall, 30th October 1612.¹

JAMES R.

RIGHT trusty and right welbeloued cosen and counsellour, wee greete yow well. Whereas the long possessioun of teyndis is generally by oure subiectis there estimated to give them a kynd of heretable right to the same, they payeing at the expiereing of their takes a reasonable sowme for the renewing thereof, it hath bene therefore in vs (to your knowledge) a verie olde song, to wishe the kyndlie takesmen, at the expiereing of their tackes (even vpoun easier conditionis), to be to all others preferred, thinking it ane vncconscionable thing (howsoevir it be in extremitie of law permissible) to dispossesse them of the same, and knowing that the vse thereof (being indeade ane covert oppression) hath from tyme to tyme produced greate occasioun of quarrell and contentioun amongst oure subiectis, cheffie where there hath bene any preceeding ground of quarrell betwene the old possessor and new takesman. Therfore, and becaus wee are informed that yow and the remanent curatouris of the Lord Halirudhouse (now your pupill) have of late sett a take of the teyndes of Craufurd Lyndesay to the Earle of Angus, notwithstanding that the same have bene these fourtene scoir of yeares in the continuall possessioun of Johnie Carmichell of Medoflatt and his predecessouris, and that the said Johnie did evir offer to yow the performance of all that in reson could be required for renewing his takes of the same, wee have hereby thought good earnestly to desire yow, in regaird of his so long kyndnes to the saidis teyndes, and that his tackes thereof are not as yett expired, to grant him a new take thereof, for performance of such conditionis as the said take maid to the Earle of Angus is granted vpon, and that yow will likewayes, vpoun reasonable conditionis, renew his tache of his teyndes of Pittinen, held of your erected abbacy of Drybrugh, wherein expecting that your satisfacioun of oure desires shall manifest that respect whiche yow carry to oure earnest recommendationis, we bid yow farewell. From oure Courte at Whitehall, the penult of October 1612.

To oure right trusty and right welbeloued cosen and counsellour the Earle of Marr.

¹ Original in the Earl of Mar and Kellie's Charter-chest.

38. THE SAME to THE SAME, intimating a grant of the escheat of Gask to William, eleventh Earl of Angus. Theobalds, 4th October 1619.¹

JAMES R.

RIGHTE trustie and righte welbeloued cosen and counsellour, wee greete you well. Whereas Williame Olyphant of Gask, being for the vnhappye slaughter of Dauid Tosheoch of Moniuaird denuncied our rebelle, so as his eschete and liferent are fallen into our handes and at our disposition, wee haue thoughte good by these presentes to wille and require you to expedie our grant of the same to our cosen the Earle of Angus before anie other, he paying (according to the custome) a reasonable composition for the same ; and not doubting of your readie conformitie to our pleasour in this point, wee bid you farewell. Giuen at our Mannour of Theobaldes, the 4th day of October 1619.

To our righte trustie and righte welbeloued cosen and counsellour, the Earle of Mar, our treasurer of Scotlande.

39. THE SAME to THE SAME, that the escheat of Meadowflat has been bestowed on William, eleventh Earl of Angus. Royston, 21st October 1622.²

JAMES R.

RIGHTE trustie and righte welbeloued cosen and counsellour, wee greete you well. Whereas wee, for certeyne important reasons, haue bene well pleased to bestow the eschete of the Earle of Lowthiane (in so far as the same may be extended to the liferent eschete of Sir John Carmichael of Medoflat) on our trustie and welbeloued cousing, William, Erle of Angus, etc., wee haue likewyse thoughte good by these presentes to require yow to gine way to oure said guifte, that our signature thereof may be exped throughe oure seales with conuenient expedition ; and not doubting of your readie conformitie to this our pleasour, wee bid yow farewell. Giuen at Royston, the one and twentyth day of October 1622.

To our righte trustie and righte welbeloued cosen and counsellour, the Earle of Mar, our treasurer of our kingdome of Scotland.

¹ Original in the Earl of Mar and Kellie's Charter-chest.

² *Ibid.*

40. LICENCE by KING CHARLES THE FIRST to ARCHIBALD, LORD DOUGLAS,
to depart forth of the Kingdom. 28th March 1633.

CHARLES R.

CHARLES, be the grace of God, King of Great Britane, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, to all and sindrie our lieges and subjects whome it effeirs, to whois knowledge thir our lettres sall come, greeting. Forsameekle as we have givin and grantit, and be the tennour heirof, gives and grants our (licence) to our traist cousin, Archibald Lord Douglas, to depart and pas furth of our realmes and dominions to whatsomever parts beyond sea he pleases, and to remaine furth thairof for doing his leasome effaers and bussines, for the space of three yeeres nextt after the dait heirof, without pane, cryme, or danger to be incurred be him thairthrow, in his person or goods, notwithstanding whatsomever our acts, statuts, and proclamations made in the contrare; whereanent, and all panes conteanit therein, we dispense be thir presents; thairfoir we doe heirby discharge our Justice, Justice-clerk, and thair deputs, and all others our judges, officiars, and ministers of our lawes, present and to come, and thair deputs, of all calling, accusing, or anie wayes proceeding aganis the said Lord, or intrometting with him, his goods or geir, for the premisses, discharging thame thairof, and of thair offices in that part, simpliciter, be thir presents: Provyding alwayes, that the said Lord, during his absence and remaining furth of our realmes and dominions, behave himselfe as ane dewtfull and obedient subject, and doe nor attempt nothing in hurt nor prejudice of ws, our realmes and dominions, nor the trew religioum presentlie profest within the same; otherwayes this our licence to be of nane avail, force nor effect. Givin vnder our signet at Halyrudhous, the xxviii day of Marche, and of our raigne the nynt yeere, 1633.

AIRTHE.	ERSKYNE.
HADINTON.	JO. ISLES.
WINTOUN.	MELUILL.
LINLITHGOW.	AD. B. OF DUNBLANE.

41. KING CHARLES THE SECOND to the CHANCELLOR and TREASURER OF SCOTLAND, in reference to the education of James Lord Angus. 28th December 1682. [Extract.]

CHARLES R.

RIGHT trusty and right well beloved cousins and counsellors, we greet you well. Being informed that the Lord Angus is in a private place within some miles of

London, and haveing a more than ordinary concern in his education, both upon the account of his immediat descent from the most loyall and ancient family of Douglass (by which so many and signall services have been performed to our royll predecessors for many ages), and of the earnest desire we have that, in case of his liveing to represent it, he may not in his younger years be corrupted with ill principles, we have thought fit hereby to authorize and require you jointly to speak with his father, the Marques of Douglass, and to know from him to whose care he has committed a trust of so great importance to our service and to himself, as is that of his son's education, at so great a distance from all his relations, to the end that if, upon notice thereof from you, we shall not have reason to be therewith well satisfied, we may order a better course to be taken in reference to his breeding. It is our will and pleasure that you call for, from the Marques, and transmit unto us, an account of the present condition of his estate, particularly of the burden of debts wherewith it stands affected, and of the true extent of his yearly rent, both reall and casuall; as also of the courses (if any be) set doun for the discharge of those debts, wherein you are to take the assistance of some of the nearest relations of that family. For truely we have so great a regard, not only to the standing thereof, but also to its continuance in a splendid and plentiful condition, as we cannot but highly concern ourselfe in the right managment of their fortune, wherein, as well as in that of the Lord Angus his education, we will signify our further pleasure, after our receiveing an account of your diligence in what we do now so earnestly recommend to your care, and with it we desire to have your opinion in reference to what is fit to be ordered by us thereupon. So we bid you heartily farewell. Given at our Court at Whitehall, the 28th day of December 1682, and of our reign the 34th year.

By his Majesty's command,

MIDDLETON.

Edinburgh, 25th August 1714.—This is a true copy of the King's letter enclosed in his Majesty's letter of the 21st June 1684.—Examin'd by W. Bowles, Rem. Regis, per ordinem Curie.

42. THE SAME to THE SAME, in favour of James, Marquis of Douglas.
Windsor Castle, 16th June 1684.

CHARLES R.

RIGHT trusty and right weel beloved cousins and counsellors, etc., wee greet yow well. Although we have not for many yeares, as you doe very weell know,

interposed with you in the behalfe of any of our owne subjects, by reasone of the enteir confidence which we have in your justice to all who have occassione to make applicatione unto you for the same, yet being informed that our right trusty and right weelbeloved cousin and counsellor, James, Marques of Dowglas, hes, or is shortly to have, some suits of great importance to the weell and standing of his family depending befoir yow, wee are soe senceible of the great meritts and loyalty of his family, and of their sufferings for the same (to which he has added his own constant attendance and zeall in our service wpon all occasiones), as wee cannot forbear (even in this extraordinar maner) to recommend those his concerns to as favorable and speedy a dispatch from yow as may consist with law and justice, seeing a delay will prove a very great prejudice to that family, for whose weel-being we have reasone to have ane particular regard : And therfor we doubt not but yee will be at more than ordinary pains to bring his affairs befoir you to a speedy conclusione ; which wee will take well at your hands, and now bid you harty farewell. Given at our Court at Windsor Castell, the 16th day of June 1684, and of our reigne the 36 yeir. By his Majestie's command,

MORRAY.

43. THE SAME to THE SAME, as to the education of James Lord Angus.

Windsor Castle, 21st June 1684. [Extract.]

CHARLES R.

RIGHT trusty and right well beloved cousins and counsellors, wee greet you well. Whereas by our letter of the 28th day of December 1682, we did, upon the considerations therein mentioned, earnestly recommend unto the particular care of you, our treasurer, and the Earle of Aberdeen, our late chancellor, not only the care of the education of the Lord Angus, but also an inspection to be taken into the condition of his father, the Marques of Douglass his estate. And haveing still the same regard which we did then (as well as lately in our letters to the Lords of our Privy Council and the Lords of Session) express for the well and standing of that noble, ancient, and loyall family of which he is descended, we have now thought fit earnestly to recommend unto you the effectual execution of our pleasure mentioned in our said letter (whereof we have ordered a copy to be sent you herein inclosed), as a matter of great importance to our service ; and to the end you may be the more enabled to give us hereafter a good account of the said Lord Angus his breeding, we do hereby authorize and require you, our

treasurer principall, to pay or cause to be paid yearly, towards the expence of his education, the sume of two hundred pounds sterline, out of the first and readiest of our rents, revenues, customes and casuallys of that our kingdome, at such times, to such persons, and in such manner as to you shall seem most proper for that effect. And it is our further pleasure that you both (with the assistance of such of the nearest relations of that family as you think fit to call) give us a speedy account of the present condition of the said Marques his estate, pursuant to our letter already mentioned, which we do again earnestly recomend to both your cares. And so we bid you heartily farewell. Given at our Court at Windsor Castle, the 21st day of June 1684, and of our reign the 36th year.

By his Majesty's command,

MORRAY.

Edinburgh, 25th August 1714.—Vera copia, examinata per W. Bowles, Rem. Reg^s, per ordinem Curie.

44. KING JAMES THE SEVENTH to the CHANCELLOR and the LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE TREASURY OF SCOTLAND, as to the education of Lord Angus. Whitehall, March 1685-6. [Copy.]

RIGHT trustie and right wellbeloved cusine and councillors, etc., wee greet you well. Whereas, by our letter of the 7th of January last, wee did authorize and require our then thesaurer to pay unto the Lord Angus soe much as remains in arrier of the 200 lib. sterling yearly, ordered by our most entirely beloved royall brother, of ever blessed memory, towards the expence of his educatione, conforme to his said Majestie's letter bearing date 21st June 1684, and morover, did also ordor our then thesaurer therewith to pay unto the said Lord Angus ane year's allowance (beeing 200 lib.) by way of advance.

It is now our will and pleasure, and wee doe herby authorize and require you, in regaird of his absence furth of the kingdome, presently to cause the said two hundred pound sterling of advance to be payed to his father the Lord Marques of Douglas, and to pay or cause to be payed to him, the said Lord Marques of Douglas, soe much of the said arrears of his said sone's yearly allowance aforesaid as was due att the granting of our said letter of the 7th of January last, unles the same was since payed by our then thesaurer, or any other by his warrand. And it is our further will and pleasure that soe much of the said yearly allowance as shall become due after the said 200 lib. sterling of advance, be payed from tyme

to tyme hereafter dureing our Royall pleasure only to the said Lord Marques of Douglas, for the said Lord Angus his use and behove. And for doeing all which, these presents (togither with the said Lord Marques his receipt from tyme to tyme) shall be to you and all others respective who shall be therin concerned, and particularly the Lords Auditors of your accompts, for allowing of the same, ane sufficient warrand; and soe we bid you heartily farewell. Given att our Court at Whythall, the day of March 168⁵, and of our reigne the second year.

By his Majestie's command.

Dors: Double of his Majestie's letter to the Earl of Perth, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, and to the Lords Commissioners of the Thesaurie of the said kingdome.

45. LETTER by KING JAMES THE SEVENTH to the LORDS OF THE SCOTTISH TREASURY, relative to the education of James, Lord Angus. Whitehall, 22d October 1686. [Extract.]

JAMES R.

RIGHT trusty, etc., we greet you well. Whereas our most dearly beloved royall brother (of ever blissed memory), by his letter bearing date the 21st day of June 1681[4], was graciously pleased to authorize and require the Duke of Queensberry, his then treasurer of that our kingdome, to haue paid, or caused to have been paid yearly, towards the expense of the Lord Angus his education, the sume of two hundred pounds sterline money, whereof also by our letter to him of the 31st October 1685, out of the speciall regard we have to the well and standing of his person and family (in consideration of the great and acceptable services performed by his predecessrs to the crown for many ages), we are graciously pleased to continue the yearly payment untill we shall think fit to discharge the same ; and whereas by our letter to our said late treasurer, bearing date at Whitehall, the 7th day of January last past, we were pleased to require him to pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said Lord Angus, so much of the said yearly allowance of two hundred pounds sterline as did then remain in arrear since the same was first granted by our most entirely beloved royall brother aforsaid, and moreover therewith to pay unto him one year's allowance (being two hundred pounds sterline) by way of advance ; and we, being informed now that no part of the said arrear or advance money is paid, notwithstanding of the reiterated orders

aforsaid for that effect, it is our express will and pleasure, and we do hereby authorize and require you, out of the first and readiest of our rents, revenues, customes, and casaultys whatsover of that our ancient kingdome, furthwith to pay or cause to be paid unto the said Lord Angus, so much of the said yearly allowance of two hundred pounds sterline as remains in arrear since the same was first granted by our most entirely beloved royll brother aforsaid ; and moreover, therewith to pay presently unto him one year's allowance (being two hundred pounds sterline money) by way of advance ; the speedy performance of both which we do hereby recommend to your particular care as that which will be very acceptable unto us. And for your so doing the same, these presents (together with his receipt for the said sumes) shall be to you and all others respectively who may be therein any way concerned, particularly to the Lords Auditors of your accompts, for allowing the same, a sufficient warrant. So we bid you heartily farewell. Given at our Court at Whitehall, the 22d day of October 1686, and of our reign the second year.

By his Majesty's command,

MELFORT.

Edinburgh, 25th August, 1714.—Vera copia, examinata per W. Bowles, Rem. Regis, per ordinem Curie.

46. QUEEN ANNE to the LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE TREASURY, to
pay the annualrent of £1000 to Lady Jean Wemyss, Countess of
Angus and Countess of Sutherland. Windsor, 29th March 1706.
[Extract.]

ANNE R.

RIGHT trusty, etc., wee greet yow weell. Wheras wee, considering that our weell beloved cousin, Jean Countess of Southerland, was infest by the deceased Earle of Angus, her husband, in a house and some lands lying near our Pallace of Holyroodhouse, as a pairt of her joynoure, and wee, understanding that our royll uncle, King Charles the Second, of ever blissed memory, after his restauracione in the year 1660, did give back the said house and lands to the use of the Bishope and Dean of Edinburgh, to whom they hade formerly belonged, and, in lieu and in compensatione therof, was gratisly pleased to give warrant to the then Lords of the Thesaurie for payment to her of 1000 lib. sterling, and annualrents therof during her life ; and wee being informed that the payment

of the said annualrent hes been discontinued for some tyme, as also our royall brother, King William, did give warrand for payment of what should be resting too her of the annualrent of the said principall soume; and being gratiouly resolved not only to make the said yearly annualrent effectuall to her for the future, but also to pay the same for the time bygone since our accession to the Croune; it is therfore oure will and pleasure, and wee doe heirby authorise and require yow furthwith to pay, ore cause to be payed, to the said Jean Countess of Southerland, ore any having her order, bygone annualrents of the said principall soume of 1000 lib. sterling, since oure accessione to the Croune; and that furder yow make good and punctuall payment to her of the same, yearly and termely, heir-after during her life time. For doeing wherof, these presents, together with her receitt, or the receitt of ony having her order, shall be to yow and all others any wayes concerned, and particularly to the Lords Auditors of your accompts for allowing the same, a sufficient warrant. Given at oure Court at Windsore, 29th of March 1706, and of oure reigne the fifth year.

By her Majestie's command,

MAR.

Extracted by James Mackenzie.

Dorsō : A coppie of the Queen's letter for payment of the interest of a thousand pounds sterling, as the rent of St. Ann's Yeards to the Countess of Southerland, of hir jointure. 1706.

II.—STATE AND OFFICIAL LETTERS.

47. ROBERT BRUCE, EARL OF CARRICK, THE STEWARD OF SCOTLAND,
WILLIAM DOUGLAS, and others, submitting to the English King.
Irvine, 9th July [1297].¹

A TUTZ iceaus, q̄i ceste lettre verrunt ou orrunt, Robert de Brus, counte de Carrick, Jeames seneschal de Escoce, Alisaundre de Lindesie, Johan frere le seneschal, e William de Douglas salutz en Jesu Crist. Coneue chose seit a vous tutz, q̄e com nous ensemblement ove la commune de nos pais, esteioms levez encountre nostre seignur Monsire Edward, par la grace de Dieux, Roys de Engleterre, seignur de Irelaunde, e dux de Gwyene; e encountre sa pees eioms, en sa seignurie en sa terre de Escoce e de Gauwei, fait arsons homecides, e divers roberies e . . . estre fait par nous e par les nos. Nous pur nous, e pur tuz iceaus q̄i de nous furent adhers, de la dite commune, a ceo fayre, estre tenuz e soussmis a la volente nostre seignur le Roys avauntdit, a fayre les amedes haut e bas, a sa volente des ditz homecides, arsons e roberies. Sauve a nous les pointz contenuz en un escrit le quel nous avoms de Monsire Henri de Percy, e Monsire Robert de Clifforth, cheveteins de l'ost au noble Roy de Engleterre es parties de Escoce. En tesmoinaunce de queu choses a cest escrit avoms mis nos seaus. Escrit a Irewin, le noeime jour du mois de Juyl en le an del regne le Reys Edward vintime quint.

[Indorsed]: Les lettres le Counte de Carrik et d'autres d'Escoce par les quelles il se mettent a la volunte le Roi, en droit des trespass qu il firent au Roy en Escoce, etc.

TRANSLATION.

To all those who shall see or hear this letter, Robert Bruce, Earl of Carrick, James, Steward of Scotland, Alexander Lindsay, John, brother of the Steward, and William of Douglas, greeting, in Jesus Christ. Be it known to you all, that as we, together with the community of our country, have risen against our lord, Sir Edward, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Guienne, and against

¹ Palgrave's Historical Documents, p. 197, No. cix.

his peace, have in his lordship and land of Scotland and of Galloway, committed arson, murders, and divers robberies, and caused the same to be done by us and ours: We, for ourselves and for all those of the said community who have adhered to us in this matter, are bound, and submit to the will of our Lord the King aforesaid, to make full amends at his pleasure for the said murders, arson, and robberies; reserving the points contained in a writing which we have of Sir Henry Percy and Sir Robert Clifford, commanders of the army of the noble King of England in the parts of Scotland. In witness of which things, we have affixed our seals to this writing, written at Irvine, the 9th day of July, in the 25th year of King Edward [1297].

[*Indorsed*]: The letters of the Earl of Carrick and others of Scotland, by which they submit themselves to the will of the King in respect of the trespass they had committed against the King in Scotland.

48. SIR JAMES, LORD OF DOUGLAS, granting safe-conduct to Sir Richard Topclif to come to Jedburgh. Etybredcheles, 6th December 1321.¹

A TOUTZ ceux que ceste lettre verrount ou orrunt, James Seigneur de Douglaz salutz. Sachiez moi avoir done et grauntee sauve et seur conduit a Thomas [Richard] de Topclif et un compaynoune ove lui, et lour garsouns, salvement de vener dedenz les parties d'Escoce a Geddeworth, salvement demorier, venir, et repeirer. Par qei jeo pri a toutz noz amys, et comaund a totes mes gentz qil ne facent mal, moleste, ne destourbance au dit Sir Richard ne a soun compaynoun, ne a lour biens, en venaunt, demoraunt, n'en repeiraunt, ne soefrent estre fait a lour poer. En tesmoignaunce de quele chose, a ceste presente lettre ai mys moun seal duraunt tanqe a la feste Seint Hiller prochein apres la fesoun de cestes. Escrit a Etybredcheles le dymayne en la feste Saint Nicholas, l'an de grace M.CCCXXI.

TRANSLATION.

To all those who shall see or hear this letter, James Lord of Douglas, greeting. Know that I have given and granted safe and sure conduct to Sir Richard of Topclif, and one companion with him, and their attendants, safely to come within the parts of Scotland to Jedburgh, safely to abide, come, and return; for which I

¹ Palgrave's Parliamentary Writs, Part II. Appendix, p. 195.

pray all my friends, and command all my men, that they do no evil, hurt, nor disturbance to the said Sir Richard nor his companion, nor their goods, in coming, abiding, or returning, nor to the best of their power suffer such to be done. In witness of which thing, to this present letter I have set my seal, to endure till the feast of St. Hilary next after the doing hereof. Written at Etybredcheles, the morning of the feast of St. Nicholas [6th December], the year of grace 1321.

49. JAMES LORD OF DOUGLAS to THOMAS EARL OF LANCASTER, addressed
to him as King Arthur. [*Circa 1322.*]¹

SALUTZ come a lui mesmes. Sire sachez qe le portour de cestes vient ou il nous quida avoir trovez le vij jour de Feverer, mes il nous ne trova mie illeux, par qei il ne purra mie estre responduz des bosoignes, avaunt le xvij jour du dit mois, pur certeyne resoun la quele il purra dire. E nous avoms mis la lettre de conduit par lui. E en dreit del liu ou la parlaunce se purra mieuz faire, a ceo qil nous semble le portour de cestes vous dirra de bouche. E sil vous plest de venir au dit liu, ou aillour ou il vous semble, nous certefiez vj jours devaunt. Adieu.

[*Entitled*] : Le transescrit dune lettre close ensele du seal Sir James Douglaz, entitelle en la cue, au Roi Arthur.

TRANSLATION.

Greeting as to himself. Sir, know that the bearer of these presents came where he thought to have found us on the 7th day of February, but he did not find us there, wherefore he could not be answered as to the business before the 17th day of said month, for a certain reason which he can tell you; and we have sent the letter of conduct by him. And in regard to the place where the conference may best be held, the bearer of these presents will tell you by word of mouth what seems good to us; and if it may please you to come to that place, or otherwise where it seems good to you, let us know six days previous. Adieu.

[*Indorsed*] : The copy of a closed letter sealed with the seal of Sir James Douglas, addressed on the tag to King Arthur.

¹ Palgrave's Parliamentary Writs, Part II. Appendix, p. 196.

50. [SIR JAMES OF DOUGLAS] to SIR RALPH NEVILLE, intimating the arrival
of himself and others at Pontefract. [Circa 1322.]¹

SALUTZ. Sire, pur aqunes bosoignes qe nous touchent, vous pri qe vous me maundez Richard Thirlewall auxi en haste com vous poez, qe il ad condut. E s'il ne peut venier maundez moi aqun autre certeyn homme, qui vous poiet acerter de ces qe sera fait des choses que nous touchent. Sachez Sire, qe la parlaunce qe ad estee entre nous est ore a la fyn a parfournier, qar le Counte de Hereford, Monsire Rogier Dammory, Monsire Hugo Daudele, Monsire Barthelmeu de Badlesmere, Monsire Rogier de Clifford, Monsire Johan Giffard, Monsire Henry Tyeys, Monsire Thomas Mauduth, Monsire Johan de Wylinton, et moi et les autres sount venutz a Pountfreyt et prestes sount a faire seurete de vous si qe vos parfacez les choses entre parleez. Cest assavoir de venier en eyde de nous en Engleterre et Galys, a vivere et morier ovesqe nous en nostre querele. Vous prioms qe vous nous assignez jour et lyu, la ou nous vous purroms encoutrier et les choses fiablement parfourneroms. E nous vous prioms qe vous nous facez avoir condut pur xx [xxx] hommes a cheval de salvement vene en vos parties.

[Entitled]: Le transescrit dune lettre close ensele du seal Sir James Douglaz entitle en la cue a Monsire Rauf de Neville.

TRANSLATION.

Greeting. Sir, for any business which affects us, I pray you that you send me Richard Thirlewall as speedily as you can, as he has conduct; and if he cannot come, send me any other sure man who can certify you as to what shall be done in the matters affecting us. Know, Sir, that the negotiation had between us is now at the point of performance; for the Earl of Hereford, Sir Roger Dammory, Sir Hugh Daudele, Sir Bartholomew of Badlesmere, Sir Roger Clifford, Sir John Giffard, Sir Henry Tyeys, Sir Thomas Mauduth, Sir John of Wylinton, and myself and the others, are come to Pontefract, and are ready to make surety to you if you complete the matters agreed on; that is to say, to come to our aid in England and Wales, and live and die with us in our quarrel. We pray you to assign us a day and place where we can meet you and faithfully complete the business. And we pray you to cause us have conduct for thirty horsemen safely to come into your parts.

[Indorsed]: The copy of a closed letter, sealed with the seal of Sir James Douglas, addressed on the tag to Sir Ralph Neville.

¹ Palgrave's Parliamentary Writs, Part II. Appendix, p. 196.

51. ARCHIBALD OF DOUGLAS, LORD OF GALLOWAY, afterwards third Earl of Douglas, to KING EDWARD THE THIRD, requesting the postponement of the day appointed for a meeting with Lord Percy. Brent Ile, [1st August 1372].¹

EXCELLENTISSIME Princeps et potentissime domine Rex, recepi literas vestre sublimitatis regie, michi presentatas apud Brent Ile in Galwydia, vltimo die mensis Julii, facientes mencionem quod esset voluntas vestra me prorogare illum diem treuge, alias ordinatum inter magnificum virum consanguineum vestrum, dominum de Percy et me simplicem, super occiduis Marchiis tenendum die lune in crastino assumptionis beate Virginis iam future, per vnum mensem, videlicet, vsque ad diem lune proximum post festum nativitatis beate Marie Virginis immediate sequentem, cum ipse nobilis dominus in vestris necessariis negotiis sit taliter occupatus, quod ad priorem diem prefixum non possit personaliter interesse. Super quo, potentissime domine, respondet mea simplicitas quod ad voluntatem vestram dictum diem libenter faciam prorogari ex parte mea, secundum tenorem literarum mearum missarum predicto nobili viro domino de Percy, quarum omnes circumstancias vestre magnificencie regie non est necessarium recitare. Set reuera, si placet vestre regali potencie, sicut et credo quod placet, treugas super illis marchiis facere racionabiliter obseruari, mee simplicitati videretur expediens quod efficacius et sepius, per quosdam nobiles consilii vestri, fieret cognitio et reformacio in hac parte. Quia multociens dictus nobilis vir dominus de Percy quamuis ad equitatem benignus fuerit, taliter occupatur in aliis vestris negotiis, quod nimis raro se personaliter possit disponere ad ordinandum pro talibus, et sine domini personali presencia hucusque non inueni aliquos alios deputatos ibidem, iam post decessum recolende memorie domini Ranulphi de Neville, quem Deus absolutat, per quos aliqua racionabilis cognitio et reformacio fieri posset, cum maiores ipsorum qui se tanquam deputati ibidem nunc intromittunt, ut intellexi pluribus transgressoribus consenciant, et ipsorum maiores manutenerent multipliciter et supportant. Vestra valeat et vigeat sublimitas regia cum honore. Scriptum apud Brent Ile in festo beati Petri quod dicitur aduincula. ARCHEBALDUS DE DOUGLAS.

Excellentissimo Principi ac domino Domino Regi Anglie.

¹ Original in British Museum, London. Printed in National MSS. of Scotland, vol. ii. No. xxxiv.

TRANSLATION.

Most excellent Prince and most mighty Lord King, I have received your Royal Highness's letters, presented to me at Brent Ile in Galloway, the last day of July, making mention that it was your will that I should postpone that day of truce otherwise appointed betwixt a noble man, your cousin, Lord of Percy, and myself, upon the Westmarches, to be held on Monday, the morrow of the assumption of the Blessed Virgin presently to come, for one month, namely, until the next Monday after the feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary immediately following, as that noble man would be so occupied in your needful affairs that he could not be personally present on the former day fixed. Upon which, most mighty Lord, my simpleness replies that at your desire I will freely on my part cause the day to be postponed, according to the tenor of my letters sent to the foresaid noble man, Lord of Percy, all the particulars of which it is not necessary to repeat to your royal majesty. But, in truth, if it pleased your royal mightiness, as I believe also it does, to cause the truce to be rightly observed upon these Marches, it would to my simplicity seem expedient that an inquiry and reform in this behalf should be made by certain nobles of your Council more thoroughly and frequently, because oftentimes the said noble man, the Lord of Percy, although well inclined to justice, is so occupied in your other affairs that too rarely can he personally dispense order in such matters; and failing the personal presence of that lord, I have not hitherto found any other deputies there since the death of Sir Ralph de Neville of worthy memory, whom God assoilzie, by whom any right inquiry and reform can be made, as the chief of those who now act as deputies there, as I have understood, take part with not a few of the offenders, and in many ways maintain and uphold the more prominent of them. May your Royal Highness enjoy health and strength with honour. Written at Brent Ile, on the feast of St. Peter, which is called Ad Vincula.

ARCHIBALD OF DOUGLAS.

52. WILLIAM, FIRST EARL OF DOUGLAS AND MAR, TO KING EDWARD THE THIRD OF ENGLAND. 16th November [1376].¹

TRESNOBLE et peussant Prince, Jeo monstre par voi de compleinte a vous, Sire, et a votre bone consaile par cestes mes letres, comment que John Mercer, mon homme, ore ad estee par grant temps tribuleez et annoieez torcenousement, deinz

¹ Original in British Museum. Printed in National mss. of Scotland, vol. ii. No. XLV.

otre roialme, contre la vertue de noz grantz trews, comunement tailiez et accordez parentre les roialms : parla ou ile rienz ne mesprist, mes quile es sez loials marchandises, retournant en sa payse, par force de meer et tempeste feust deiettuz au terre, et arrestez par voz subgitz ; et vncore par le Conte de Northumbreland detenuz en prison. Au qui, tresnoble prince, vous pleas auoir regarde et consideracion ; et par voz letres au dit Conte, faire commander expressemment, que le dit John, mon homme, soit delieuerez franchement, sanz luy plus traauiller, et ryot faire. Kar au proscheine ioure de marche, si ceo vous pourra pleer ile sera present pour y demonstrer deuant voz deputeez, quile ny ad rien trepassee, ne mesprise en celle part, si Dieu pleast. Oultre ceo, tresnoble prince, touchantz meistre Thomas Mercer, mon clerk, pour q[ui] ieo escriua au votre noblesce, deuant celle temps, si monstre[r feur]ent a vous, Sire, et a votre dit consaile, les damages, costages et perdes, qile ad sustenue et fait durant ca arreste, forbris sez tribulacions, annoys, et tortz, que amontent su deux cenz marcq[ue] desterling, et oultre ; des queux vous please luy faire auoir redresce et restorance en due manere ; ou aultrement celuy, ou ceux qui luy arresteint commander pour comparer personellement au dite ioure de marche, pour le charge soubtz aler deuant voz deputeez susditz, ou le dit mon clerk sera prest pour respondre et receiuer en semblable manere, solone les usages des ioures de marches par voi de reson, si Dieu pleast. Tresnoble prince, ceo que vous plerra de commander pour estre fait cellendroit, me deignez lesser sauoir par voz letres od le portour du cestes. Que luy toute peussant Dieu, par sa tressaintisme grace, votre nobleesce veulle demeesner au vie pardurable. Escripte le xvij^{me} ioure de Nouembre.

LE CONTE DE DOUGLAS
ET DE [MAR]RE.

TRANSLATION.

Most noble and mighty Prince, by these my letters, I show to you, Sire, and to your good Council, by way of complaint, how that John Mercer, my vassal, has for a long time been distressed and wrongfully annoyed in your kingdom, contrary to the tenor of our great truce, mutually drawn up and agreed to between the kingdoms; inasmuch as, when he had done nothing disrespectful, but with his lawful merchandise was returning into his own country, by force of the sea and tempest he was thrown upon land, and arrested by your subjects, and is still by the Earl of Northumberland detained in prison. To which fact, most noble Prince, be pleased to have regard and consideration; and by your letters to

the said Earl, to give commandment expressly, that the said John, my vassal, may be delivered freely, without further troubling him, and making disturbance. For at the next day of march, if this should please you, he will be present, if it please God, to prove before your deputies, that he has trespassed in nothing, nor shown contempt in that particular. Besides this, most noble Prince, in regard to Mr. Thomas Mercer, my clerk, on whose behalf I wrote to your Excellence, before this time, if there were shown to you, Sire, and to your said Council, the damages, expenses, and losses which he has sustained and borne during that arrest, over and above his troubles, annoyances, and wrongs, which amount to two hundred marks sterlinc and more, may it please you to cause redress and restoration thereof to be made to him in competent manner; or otherwise, to command the party or parties who arrested him, to compear personally at the said day of march, to underlie the charge before your above-mentioned deputies, where my said clerk, please God, will be ready to answer by way of proof, and to receive in like manner, according to the usages of days of march. Most noble Prince, what you shall please to command to be done in this matter, deign to let me know by your letters by the bearer of these. May the Almighty God, by His most Holy grace, vouchsafe to conduct your Excellence to life everlasting.
Written the 16th day of November.

THE EARL OF DOUGLAS AND OF MAR.

53. GEORGE, EARL OF MARCH, to KING HENRY THE FOURTH, claiming
kinship, and for redress against the Duke of Rothesay. Dunbar, 18th
February [1400].¹

EXCELLENT, mychty, and noble Prynce, likis yhour realte to wit that I am gretly wrangit be the Duc of Rothesay, the quhilc spousit my doucher, and now, agayn hys oblisyng to me made be hys lettrec and his seal, and agaynes the law of halikirc, spouses ane other wif, as it ys said, of the quhilc wrangis and defowle to me and my doucher in swilk maner done, I, as ane of yhour poer kyn, gif it likis yhow, requeris yhow of help and suppowell, fore swilk honest seruice as I may do efter my power to yhour noble lordship, and to yhour lande, fore tretee of the quhilc matere will yhe dedoyn to charge the Lord the Fournivalle ore the Erle of Westmerland, at yhour likyng, to the marche, with swilk gudely haste as yhow likis, qware that I may haue spekyng with quhilc of thaim that yhe will send,

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and schew hym clerly myn intent, the quhilke I darre nocth discouer to nane other bot tyll ane of thaim, be cause of kyn and the grete lewtee that I traist in thaim, and as I suppose yhe traist in thaim on the tother part; als, noble prince, will yhe dedeyn to graunt and to send me yhour sauf-conduyt, endurand quhill the fest of the natiuite of Seint John the Baptist, fore a hundredth knichtis, and squiers, and seruants, gudes, hors, and hernais, als wele within wallit town as withoutw, ore in qwat other resonable manere that yhow likis, fore trauaillyng and dwellyng within yhour land gif I hafe myster: And, excellent prince, syn that I clayme to be of kyn tyll yhow, and it peraventour nocth knownen on yhour parte, I schew it to yhour lordschip be this my lettre, that gif Dame Alice the Bewmont was yhour graunde dame, Dame Mariory Comyne, hyrre full syster, wes my graunde dame on the tother syde, so that I am bot of the feirde degré of kyn tyll yhow, the quhilke in alde tyme was callit neire; and syn I am in swilk degré tyll yhow, I require yhow, as be way of tendirnesse thareof, and fore my seruice in manere as I hafe before writyn, that yhe will vouchesauf tyll help me and suppowell me, tyll gete amendes of the wrangis and the defowle that ys done me, sendand tyll me gif yhow likis yhour awnswere of this with all gudely haste; and, noble prince, mervale yhe nocth that I write my lettres in Englis, fore that ys mare clere to myne vnderstandingy than Latyne ore Fraunce. Excellent, mychty, and noble prince, the Haly Trinité hafe yhow euermare in kepyng. Writyn at my Castell of Dunbarr, the xvij day of Feuerer.

LE COUNT DE LA MARCHE DE SCOCE.

54. ARCHIBALD, FOURTH EARL OF DOUGLAS, to KING HENRY FOURTH OF ENGLAND, complaining that the Earl of Northumberland had not kept the truce, etc. Edybredshiels, 1st February [1401].¹

EXCELLENT et trespuissant prince, plaise votre tresnable haultesse a sauoir, que a Kemlyspeth le xv^e jour de May darrein passe, esteit accordé parentre le conte de Northumbre et moy, que certaines treuees enduroient et deuroient tenir par terre et per mer parentre vous, votre realme, voz subgits, et alliez de l'une part, et mon souuerain seigneur le roy, son realme, ses subgits, et allies de l'autre part, [commencer] a le feste de Saint Martin en yuer darrein passe, et endurer pur vn an delors prochein ensuant, sil pleust a vous et votre conseil d'une coste, et a

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

mon souueraine seigneur le Roy de l'autre coste, et son conseil, sur certificacion sur ce a y estre faite entrechanger [de foi] parentre le dit conte et moy, en la feste de la natiuuite de Saint Johan le Baptiste prochein delors ensuant ; la quelle certificacion si elle eust este de nonplesance a aucune des parties susdites le iour d'encontrer des grants commissairs deuoit auoir este a ab [. .] lundy en trois semaines apres la natiuuite de Saint Johan le Baptiste darrein passe, ou les dits commissairs puissent en beutes [du temps] et des longs iours auoir tretie sur pais, ou longes treues, et en cas que bonne accorde eust faillie, que les seigneurs et les comm[issaires] d'ambe-deux parties se puissent auoir ordenes pour la guerre, en tele maniere qu'ils n'eust pas este soudainement deceus comment ils furent. Et si la dite certificacion eust este de plesance as ambedeux parties, qu'adonques le iour d'encontrer des grants commissairs seroit prorge pour estre tenu a Yhettam kyrke, lundy en quinsze iours apres la feste de Saint Michel darrein passe, comme plus a vous appert es endentures entre le dit conte de Northumbre et moy sur ce faites. Sur quoy le dit Conte de Northumbre a fait certificacion, par sa letre desoubs son seal, en la feste de la natiuuite de Saint Johan le Baptiste susdit, quil plaisoit bien a [vous et] votre conseil que les dites treues dureroient del feste de Saint Martin en yuer darrein passe, pour vn an delors prochein [ensuan]t, et sur ce le iour d'encontrer des grants commissairs se tenoit lundy, en quynsze iours apres la feste de Saint Michel darrein passe, a Yhettam kirke. A quel iour je disoy au dit conte de Northumbre en la presence des commissairs d'ambedeux parties, que les treues furent prises pour vn an, en la maniere susdit comme la letre de certificacion sur ce tesmoigneit, les quelles je osoie [? ofrie] de faire tenir, garder, et parfourmir en tous points, et de faire redres estre fait de tous attemptatez faites par terre ou per mer, pour tout le realme d'Escoce, ainsi que nul default deuoit par raison estre impute a mon seigneur souuerain, ne a moy, les quelles sont empeschez et faillies entierement, comme j'entend en le defaulte de dit Conte de Northumbre. Pour quoy excellent et puissant prince, votre tres grande noblesse je requere qu'il vous plaise a enuoier certains commissairs de grant estat as marches, aiants de vous pouuaire pour oir, declarer, et amender ceux defaultis comme susdits, et je procureroi a mon seigneur souuerain] d'envoyer as marches, commissairs de semblable estat, pour semblablement faire. Deuant les quelx, a l'aide de dieu, je ferai clerement estre cognu que le dit Conte de Northumbre n'ay pas fait comme sa letre de certificacion conteint et emportit. Et que les dites treues de cest an, et le redres de tous attemptatez audeuant faitez, sont plainement empeschez [et faillies] en son default. Et excellent et trespuissant prince, ce que sur ceste matiere vous plaist a faire votre tresnoble

haultesse, le moy veulle certifier par le porteur d'ycestes. Si prie notre seigneur excellent et trespuissant prince qu'il vous ait [en sa] sainte garde. Escript a Edybredschellis, le primier jour de Fleurier.

LE CONTE DE DOUGLAS SEIGNEUR DE GALWAY & DE DUNBAR.

A excellent et trespuissant Prince le Roy d'Angleterre.¹

TRANSLATION.

Excellent and most mighty Prince. May it please your most noble highness to know that at Kemlyspeth, the 16th day of May last past, it was agreed between the Earl of Northumberland and myself, that certain truces should endure and ought to be held by land and sea betwixt you, your realm, your subjects, and allies, on the one part, and my sovereign Lord, his realm, subjects, and allies, on the other part, to begin on the feast of St. Martin in winter last past, and to endure for one year thence next ensuing, if it should please you and your Council on one side, and my sovereign Lord the King and his Council on the other side ; on certification of which there was to be made interchange of faith between the said Earl and myself, at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist thence next ensuing ; the which certification, if it had been unpleasing to any of the foresaid parties, the day of meeting of the grand Commissaries ought to have been at . . . , on Monday in three weeks after the Nativity of St. John the Baptist last past, where the said Commissaries might, in the fineness [of the season] and the long days, have treated for peace or long truce. And in case that good agreement had failed, that the lords and commissaries of both parties would have been able to take order for war in such wise, as not to be suddenly deceived as they were. And if the said certification had been agreeable to both parties, that then the day for meeting of the grand commissaries might be prorogued, to be held at Yhettam [Yetholm] Kirk, on Monday the fifteenth day after the feast of St. Michael last past, as more plainly appears to you from the indentures between the said Earl of Northumberland and myself upon the matter. Concerning which the said Earl of Northumberland has made certification, by his letter under his seal, on the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist foresaid, that it would be well pleasing to you and your Council that the said truce should endure from the feast of St. Martin in winter last past, for one year thence next ensuing. Thereupon, the day of meeting of the grand commissaries was held on

¹ The King's answer to this letter will be found on p. 9, No. 9, *ante*.

Monday, fifteen days after the feast of St. Michael last past, at Yhettam Kirk. On which day I said to the said Earl of Northumberland, in the presence of the commissaries of both parties, that the truce was fixed for one year in the manner above stated, as the letter of certification upon this testified; the which [truce] I [offered] to cause be maintained, and to keep and perform in all points, and to cause redress to be made of all attempts made by land or sea for all the realm of Scotland, so that no default should with reason be imputed to my sovereign lord or me, the which are hindered and have entirely failed, as I understand, by the default of the said Earl of Northumberland. Wherefore, excellent and mighty prince, I pray your most great nobleness that you would please to send certain commissaries of high rank to the Marches, having power from you to hear, declare and amend such defaults as the foresaid, and I will procure from my sovereign lord to send to the Marches commissaries of like rank to do the same. Before whom, by God's help, I will cause it clearly to be known that the said Earl of Northumberland did not do as his letter of certification contained and imported, and that the said truce of this year, and the redress of all attempts formerly made, are clearly hindered [and have failed] by his default. And, excellent and most mighty prince, deign to certify to me by the bearer of these presents, what it may please your most noble highness to do in this matter. I pray our Lord, excellent and most mighty prince, that he may have you in his holy keeping. Written at Edybredschellis, the 1st day of February [1401].

THE EARL OF DOUGLAS, LORD OF GAL[LO]WAY AND OF DUNBAR.

To the excellent and most mighty prince the King of England.

55. JAMES OF DOUGLAS, WARDEN OF THE MARCHES, TO KING HENRY
THE FOURTH OF ENGLAND, JUSTIFYING THE BURNING OF BERWICK BY
THE SCOTS. EDINBURGH, 26TH JULY [1405].¹

HE, excellent and ryght mychty prync, likit to zour henes to wytte me haff
resauit zour honorable lettres to me, sende be a reuerend fadir, the abbot of
Calkow, contenant that it is well knawin that trewis war tane and sworne o' late
betwix the rewmys of Ingland and Scotlande, and for that yhu mervalis gretly
that my men, be my wille and assent, has byrnde the toun of Berwike, and in
other certayne places wythin the rewme of Inglande, in brekyng fully the saide

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trewis in my defaute and nathinge in yhouris, and als agayn myn ath made in streynthinge of the same trewis, of the qwhilke yhe desire rather that amendis war made than ony mar harme war done tharfor. Requirande me to do yhou to wyte, qwhethir I will gere refourme the sayde attemptats, or qwhat my full will be to do o' that mater. Anence the qwhilkys, hee and excellent pryncie, qwhar yhe say yhu mervalys gretly that my men, be my will and assent, has brenneude the toun of Berwik, the qwhilk is wythin Scotlande, and other places in Inglande, in brekyng fully of the sayde trewis, I vnderstand that giff yhour hee Excellent war clerly enfourmyte of the brennyng, slachtyr, and takynge of prisoneris and Scottis schippis that is done be yhour men to Scottys men within the saide trewis in diuers places of Scotlande befor the brynnunge of Berwike, the qwhilk skathis our lege Lorde the Kynge and his liegis has paciently tholyte in the kepynge of the saide trewis, and chargit me til aske, and ger be askyte be my deputs, redress tharof, the qwhilk my deputis has askyte at dayis of marche, and nane has gotyne, me think o' resoun yhe sulde erar put blame and punicioun to the doarys of the saide trespas done agayn the trewis, in swilke maner and callys thaim rather brekaris of the trew than me that has tholyte sa mikylle iniure so lang and nane amendis gottyn ; bot it is like that the gret attemptats that yhour men dois agayn the trewis is well concelyte fra yhour audience, for I suppos, and yhe wist it, yhe walde, of yhour he worshipe, ger it be refourmyte and redressit as the cause requiryt, for lange befor the bryninge of Berwike yhour men com within our Lorde the Kyngis awin propri lande of Arane and Ile Malasche, and til his castell of Brathwike, and brynt his chapelle and other diuerse placis of that lande, and tuke and rawnsounde the capitain of the sayde castelle, and slow his sone and heryde al that thai mycht ourtake, and alsua thai hade takyne befor that tym certayne Scottis schippis chargit with marchandis, and the marchandis tharof, in the contrer of the sayde trewis, of the qwhilkis reparacioun and redress has bene askyte befor the brennyng of Berwyke, and nane gottyne. And qwhar yhe say that Berwike that standis in Scotlande, the qwhilke toun yhe call yhouris in yhour sayde lettres, and certayne landis of yhouris wythin Inglande, was brende be my men, my will and myn assent, brekand the trewis in my defaute and noct in yhouris, and in the contrar of myn athe, tharto I answer in this maner, that qwhat tyme it like to our lege Lorde the Kynge, and to yhour hee Excellent, to ordane redress to be made be his commissaris and yhouris of all attemptatis done of aythir syde, I sall, with the help of Gode, make it well kennyt that I haff trewly kept myn athe and the trewis, as afferys to me of resoun. And

qwhaeuer enfourmyt yhour Excellence that I hade brokyn myn athe, it hade bene fayrar for him to haffe sende me that querelle in to wyrt vndir his selle, and til haff tane answere greable as afferit to him vnder my seelle agayne, than sua vntrewly in myn absence till enfourme yhour Excellence, for I trayst he has saide mar in myn absence than he dar awow in my presens, for nocth displice yhour honour, learys sulde be lyttle alowit wyth ony sic woschipfull kynge as yhe ar. And qwhar yhe say in yhour sayde lettres that yhe desir rather amendis of attemptats done agayn the trewis than ony mar harme war done tharfor; to that I answer in this maner, that qwhen yhour saide lettres come to me, our Lorde the Kynge was passit in the northe partis of Scotlande, and I with al gudly hast sende yhour lettres til him, of the qwhilkis, at the makyng of thir letteris, I hade nane answer. Neuerhelatter, qwhen I hade vnderstandyne yhour lettres, I gert cry in diuerse placis the trewis to be kepit, traystand that it suld be sua done on the tother paift; eftyr the qwhilk crye, yhour men of Inglande has rydyne in Scotlande wyth gret company, like in fere of were, and has heryde Lawadyrdalle, Tewydalle, and a part of Etryke Forest, the qwhilke, at the makyng of thir letteris, was tholyt, and nocth don tharfor. And forthi giffe the trewis sall stande, it lyes to yhour heenes to se for chastyninge of trespassouris, and for amendis of attemptats done, and that be tym and qwhat yhe wochesaff of your heenes to do twychand thir forsayde materis, yhe walde certify me be your letter, wyth algudly hast. Hee, almyghty prynce, the Haly Gast yow haff in his yhemssall euermar. Wyrtyn at Eddynburghe, vnder my selle, the xxvi daye of Julii.

JAMIS OF DOUGLAS, WARDANE OF THE MARCHE.

To ane excellent and amyghty prynce, Kynge of Inglande.

56. CHRISTIAN SETON, COUNTESS OF MARCH, to KING HENRY THE FOURTH,
seeking assistance for herself and her husband, and remedy against
the Earl of Douglas. [Circa 1407.]¹

MOUN tres excellent et tres redoute souereigne seignur, ieo me recomanke au vous sy entierment come seigrie creature terrien poet penser ou diuiser au Roy du monde coronne, vous esmercant humblement as genoilles de lez hautz graces et beneficez que vous manetz faitz deuant ces heures, vous suppliant piement de vostre gracieus continuance, et nomement de le gracieus refresshement que vous menuoiastes darreynement dieux vous eurent greez la ou ieo ne puisse. Noun pur

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ceo moun tresgracieus seignur, vous pleis sauoir que moun seignur moun baroun et moy auoms este en taunt duresce, et distresce puisque nous fuymes excluz de nostre païjs, que vncore ieo suy remys en graunt debt, de quelle sanz vostre gracieus eide et sucour nie me puysse deliuerner, et ore la pestilence est taunt fort et dure la ou nous sumes, que ieo suy molt paourous que ieo morra en le graunt debt que ieo suy encorue, et pour nulle traitie que nous poons faire, ne poons auoir suffrance de noz enemys pour nous treer a nostre fortres de Colbrandespath, pour illoex attendre tanque la mortalite soit cesse, et pour celle cause ieo emprie humblement a vostre haut roiall maieste, que vous me pleisez auoir en remembrance quant vous verrezt loisir et me eider, que permy vostre gracieus re[...]euement ieo puisse estre eygettez de le debt q[ui] me face tristes. Outre ceo tresredouete et moun tresgracieus seignur, nous portons graunt enemyte pour la mort de Sir Henri Percy, issint que souent foiz est garnie a moun baroun et ses gentz qils vuellient estre mortz, sils ne de retrehent hors du païjs, issint quils lez gentz le dit Sir Henri ne facent rien fors escoutent confortables nouelx de vous, pour alors faire le malice que est f[orme] en lours coers; et moun tresgracieus et tressouereigne seignur, touchant la pris de noz gentz par ceux attendantz au Count de Douglas, deignetz ent doner credence al porteur dicestz, et sur ceo que vous pleisez ordener tiell remedy sicome le dit pourteur vous dirra par bouche. Et prie souereignement al tresbenoit dieux de ciel, qil vous ottroie longe vie oue tout encresment de honoure de ioy ensemble oue victorie de voz enemys, et apres cest mortelle vie vous rent la regne de gloire. Amen.

Vostre humble oratrice

LA COUNTESSE DE LA MARCHE DE SCOCE.

A moun tresexcellent et tresredoute souereyn seignur le Roy Dengleterre.

TRANSLATION.

My right excellent and most redoubted Sovereign Lord, I commend myself to you as entirely as forlorn earthly creature can think or devise to any crowned King in the world, thanking you humbly on my knees for the high favours and benefits which you have done me in time past, entreating you humbly for your gracious continuance, and especially of the gracious refreshment that you have sent lately, God reward you for it where I cannot. Nevertheless, my very gracious Lord, please you to know that my Lord my husband and I have been in such restraint and distress since we were excluded from our country, that again I am

fallen into great debt, from which, without your gracious aid and succour, I cannot escape. And now the plague is so heavy and severe where we are, that I am much afraid I may die in the great debt which I have incurred; and for no bargain that we can make, can we have sufferance from our enemies to withdraw us to our fortress of Colbrandespath, there to wait till the mortality be past; and for this cause, I entreat humbly your high royal Majesty that you may be pleased to have me in remembrance when you have leisure and assist me, that, by your gracious help, I may be freed from the debt which makes me sorrowful. Moreover, most redoubted and my most gracious Lord, we suffer great enmity for the death of Sir Henry Percy, so that often my husband and his people are warned that they must wish to be dead if they do not quit the country, so that the people of the said Sir Henry do nothing except listening for encouraging news from you to do then the malice which is [devised] in their hearts. Also, my very gracious and right Sovereign Lord, touching the taking of our people by those waiting on the Earl of Douglas, deign to give credence herein to the bearer of these letters, and afterwards may it please you to order such remedy as the bearer will tell you by mouth. And I pray above all things to the most blessed God of heaven to give you long life, with all increase of honour and joy, together with victory over your enemies, and after this mortal life to grant you the kingdom of glory. Amen.

Your humble petitioner,

THE COUNTESS OF THE MARCHE OF SCOTLAND.

To my most excellent and redoubted Sovereign Lord the King of England.

57. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH,
promising fidelity. Edinburgh, 29th October [*circa* 1515].¹

SCHIR, Pleissit zoure guyd grace to wit, that I haue comonit with zour seruitour, Edward Cuyk, and vndirstand his credence at lenth; and in guyd faith my mynd was set to the fulfilling of the samen or euyr I knew zour mynd, lyk as I was greitly indettit thereto, and now aldyrmaist be caus that I se zour guyd grace traistyd me. And, schir, I promyt fathfully to fulfill the samyn, and haue send my traist seruitour, Dauyd Menzeys, with my haill mynd, instrukit lyck as zour seruitour Edward Cuyk and the said Dauid knawis. And to the fullfilling

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

of the said credence, zour guyd grace fulfilling the samyn to me that the said Edward haue promyttit one zour behalfe, I oblis me, be this my writting, to keip and fulfill, vndir the seill of my armys, subscrivit with my hand; and forther, at zour guyd grace will geve credence to the berer. Schir, pleisit zour guyd grace to pass to London, or quhare ze pleis, and tak na thocht of thyss mater, for it sall be endit at zour dissyir. Vrittin at Edinburgh, the xxix day of October.

Zoure

ERL OF ANGUS.

58. GAVIN DOUGLAS, Postulate of Arbroath, to ADAM WILLIAMSON, as to
the Bishopric of Dunkeld. Perth, 18th January [1515].¹

BROTHERE Master Adame, I command me to zou in my harty wyss. And ze sall knew that sene my last wrytyng of Perth, the last day of Decembre, quhilk I trast ze haf . . . and hard forthare all thingys be Ser James. The Byschep of Dunkeldone is deceyyt this Mouneday the xv day of January. And becaus zonn evyll myndyt Byschep of Morray trublys all our promociones, and hes sped Sanct Andros to hymself, wyth Dumfermlyng, Arbrocht, Legacy and other facultyes quhilkis ar nedfull and all ways man be retretyt, zit nocth the less sene syk debatis and controversies ar costly and doutuus, in all aventour the Quenys grace, myself and frendis thynkis nedfull I be promovyt to that seyt quhilk now is vacand, and but pley, and ane ryght gud byschepry of [? rent], and the thryd seyt of the realme. And to that effect hes the Quenys grace wrytyne for me to the Papis halynes, and cardynalis, quhareof ze sall wyth this ressave the copy, to solyst syk lyke wrytyngis fra the Kyngis grace hyr brother. And be nocth hyr lettryris obeyt in the curt of Roume, ze solyst evyll zour memoryall, less than the Kyng wyll do nocth for his systyre as I knew the contrary, bayth in deyd and wryte, I dout nocth bot ze wyll solyst my materis alss trewly as zour awyne, thocht the Quenys grace had nocth wrytyne for me. And as I wrate to zou laytly, the promotions of her servandis and frendis is hyr weylfare and autorisyg, and hyndyryng of hyr adversaryes; I pray zou at a word sped thir lettryris to Flandris as thair ar dyrectyt, and sped wyth thaim the Kyngis wrytyngis. And gyf ze kouth do so mekyll as causs the Kyng mak a post therfore, I war bedytyt to his grace and zou for ever. A wyse frend is soyne chargeyt.

Item, ze sall knew that me Lord Erll of Huntlye was heyr at the Quenys grace, and wyll go hyr way, and bryng mony of the other Lordis to hyr opynione;

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

and wyth hys avyss scho hes mayd proclaime a parlyament in this toune, to be haldyne and begyne in this toune the xij day of March, quhare we trast tyl haf all thyngis redressyt. I wald nocht ze leyt the Byschep of Morray nor zonn Duk steyll hyddyr by zou, as now latly his clerk, Master Johne Sauquhy, hes doyne, and landyt at Leyth furth of a Franch shyp, and brocht with hym the bullys of Sanctandros, and publyst the sammyne one his maner in Edynburgh this last Twysday, the xvj day of Januare, bot I beleve he sall nocht haf possessyonne this zeyre. Nedfull it is, and that is a speciall punct of zour memoryall, to caus the Kyng wryte ta the Kyng of Frans heyre apone, to the effect that by hys ways the Kyng our soverane lord be nocht hurt in his prevylegis and faculteys, for that war to byref hym hys croune, nor that his god systyr the Quenys grace ocht therby mynyst in hyr autorite, bot raythare mantenyt and defendyt by hym in the sammyne. And ocht hes beyne doyne by hys wrytyngis in the contrary othyr in favoris of zonn Byschep of Morray or ony otheris, that the sammyne, be hys ways and solistatones, be reversyt agane, that therby na prejudyce may happyn to the Kyng nor this hys realme, now in tyme present, nor zit in tyme cummyng, by evyll exemple, so that syk doyng nor attemptys be na preparatyve to otheris in tyme to cum. And kouth the Kyng solyst hys brothyre of Frans to haf that byschep rendyrryt to hym othyr be pollicy or other ways, that he mycht ther-eftyr be demanyt as efferis, all thir thre realmmys I trast war brocht to grete rest, ffor he is and hes beyne the instrument of mekyll harme, and I dreyd sall zit be of mayre and he be nocht snybbyt. Tent to hym and zonn Duyk gif the Kyng thare luffis the weylfare of hys systyr and mast tendyr nevois, and alss the quyet of hys awyne realme. Hast ansuere agayne and be solyst as ze haf beyne in tymme bypassyt. And God keyp zou. Of Perth, the xvij day of January, wyth the hand of

Zour frend,

GAWYNE DOUGLAS.

The Queyne thynkis ze haf beyne over slowthfull, that sa lang tyme ze beand in Ingland, ther hes beyne nocht doyne nother in Roume nor the curt of Frans aganis zonn wykkit Byschep of Morray, and byddis zou mend that falt. Item, at ze solyst the Kyng hyr brother, that na lettres pass throw hys realme to ne fra, that belangis ony Scottis man, less than he haf hyr speciaill wrytyngis and request therfore, for syk lettres hes ellis doyne gret harme, and was the fyrist caus of all the truble anent the promotiones, and is daly a preparatyve to solyst zonn Duyk of Albany to cum hyddyr. Remembryr my salve conduct and sped the sammyne to me as I wrayt to zow latly. And gif any of my wrytyngis or pertenyng the

Queyne cum furth of Flandres or Roume to zour handis, na fors that the Kyng se or knew the contentis therof, that thai maybe the bettyr and mare hastyly sped to hyr grace or me, for I wayt hys henes wyll stop name of hyr lettres nor myne, quhilk salbe cum to hys ples . . . honour and avayle.

59. THE SAME TO THE SAME, as to the state of Scotland, etc.

Perth, 21st January [1515].¹

BROTHYR Master Adame, I command me hartly to zou, and hes ressavyt zour layt wrytyng and credens fra zour compانezone Ser James; and be ze suyre the Queyne and we all wald be glad to follow the Kyngis mind thare, and thankis hys henes alss lawly as we may of the grete enteyre luf and kyndnes profyrryt and schawyne to us; for the quhylkis we beyne addettyn to be hys trew servandis before all otheris, our alleygans to our soverane lord hys nevo only exceppyt. Ze may weyll considdyr it is nocht to us possybill that ze devys, for albeyt my lord and I, with other frendis, mycht cum to tha partis quhere we plesyt, it suld nocht be possybill to cary the Kyng nor hys brother thyddyr, thocht peraventour, and that full hard wyth gret defyculte and nocht honestly, we mycht bring the Queyne thyddyr in habyt onknawyne and dysagysyt, bot nayne other ways; and therfore ther mane be thocht sum other remed, for my wyt kann nocht attayne quhow that may be at this tyme; and alss we be in na syk danger at we neyd leyf the cuntre, I wrate to zou layt that the Kyngis wrytyngis wald stanch all this debayt, for I trast thai suld be alss weyll obeyt heyre as in Lundone, wyth the mast partis of the Lordis. Lat nocht the Kyng therfoare feyre that and he wald cum wyth hys army or send hys pyssans in this realme, and declare to the pepyll his actyone war to haf justyce and gud reull, and to caus the Kyng hys nevo, and the Queyne hys systyr, be obeyt as thai aucht, bot cummand one this wyss, and notfyand the sammyne to our commonys be proclamatone, bot he suld fynd mony to tak hys part; for I assure zou the pepyll of this realme ar sa oppressyt for lak of justyce, by thevys, rubry, and other extortions, that thai wald be glayd to leyf ondyr the gret Turk to haf justyce. Ze wryte that the Kyngis grace thare hes wrytyne twyss to Royme agains Glasgw, bot I had lever he had wrytyne agains the Byschep of Morray, and zit nyedlyngis he mane wryte aganst hym tyll all hys promotione reversyt, lyk as at mayre lenth the Quenys grace hes wrytyne to the Kyng hyr brother therapone. Master Adame brother, f . . . nocht to solyst and convoy weyll my promotione to Dunkeldene, as ze luf

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

me, for I haf gevyne the monye quhare ze bad me, lat se quhom ze kann . . . convoy syk a matere fore zour frend, and I sall domekyll, bot I sall spek wyth zou in Lundone or Pasch, for I haf mony devyses that I wald fayne enclose to the Kyng thare, quhylkis I wyll nocth wryte; and gyf it be possybyll that ther may be fund ony tymme to performe the Kyngis plessour and desyre, as ze haf wrytyne with Ser James, I sal do my devour and full best to convoy that mater at all punctis, bot I kann nocht hastily beleif as zit quhow it may be less than the Kyng wald cum hymm self in this realme, and th . . . mycht he do quhat hymm lykty, for he wald fynd lytlyl or na resystans, and be ze souer the grettest of our adversareys crynys hymm gretly at this hour, one syk wyss that thai wald geif mekyll of ther valzeand to haf his favouris. Gyf the Kyng of Frans be ded it is ryght evyll for bayth thir realmymys. Bot heyre is arryvyt a Franch schip, the xv day of this moneth instant, quhilk proporsis na thyng therof, and therfore I wondyr quha suld haf schawyne my lords of conseil ther syk tythyngis. Gyf we had money I trast we suld debayt weyll eneuch our adversaris in thiz partis quhyll the sommyr sessione, quher the Kyng mycht moyf quhat army hym lykty, and than I trast also we salbe mare pyssant than we ar now. I amm surely informyt furth of Frans the Duyk dysponsys hymm nocth hydder quhyll this nyxt moyne, less than this decess of the Kyng of Frans causs hymm . . . eyne the tymme, and zit I trast the Kyng thare, and hys wyss conseil hes provydtyt mayr warly in all aventoris, so that the Dalphyne is alss weyll bund to observe the pace in all punctis therof as was the Kyng. And I trast he dar nocth brek the trewys nor pace astablysynt, to send the ilk Duyk agayne hys oblysing, and gyf he wald lat ilk frend make pace wyth other, quhyll we be all revengyt one Frans, for God knawys quhat thai haf doyne to us. I haf gud hope and is in convoyng a mater of discord amang our party adversary, one syk wyss that I trast ze sall heyre quhow this promotone now imprecat be zonn dyssatfull Byschep of Morray sall turne to our weyll, and causs bayth hymm and zonn Duyk cum in evyll consayt over all this realme, quhylk man nedways redund to our profyte and sall purches us ma frendis; and I dred nocth bot quha sa ever by Kyng in Frans, he salbe mayr glad to haf pace and amite wyth the Kyng of Ingland than hys grace salbe to except the sammyne. I pray zou schaw this wrytyng to my Lord Dacre, and the contentis therof to the Kyngis grace. God keyp zou. Wyth my hand, in hast, at Perth, thyr xxij day of Januar.

Tuus totus,

GAWINUS DOUGLAS.

60. THE SAME to THOMAS, LORD DACRE, beseeching his good offices
as to Dunkeld. Perth, 21st January [1515].¹

MY LORD, I commend me to zour lordschip, in my mast harty wyss, and as towart the Kyngis desyre and instructiones send to the Quenys grace wyth Ser James Inglys, hire henes hes wrytyne heyre wyth ansuere to the Kyng hyr brother and to zour lordschip. And in sum part, as I kouth thynk eftyr my lytill wyt, I haf wrytyne tyll Master Adame, to be schawyne to zour lordschip, and to the Kyngis grace thare, quhow soyne he sall cum to his presens; and be ze suyre the Quenys grace, my Lord, and we all wald be alss glad to fulfull the Kyngis desyre, gif it war to us possibyll, as wyth hard or mynd may be devysit, and kann noct sa mekyll as we beyne addettet for our part rendyr thankis to his heynes therof, and noct the les of a thynge he salbe suyre that our servys salbe hys before all uther mann levynge, our alleygens to our soverane Lord hys nevo alanelry exceipit. My Lord, ze sall knew ther is ane byschep latly deid in this land, callyt the Byschep of Dunkell, and for alsmekyll as thir other benefycis be now in pley and debayt be this Byschep of Morray, therfore the Quenys grace, my soverane lady, hes wrytyne hyre especiali wrytyngis to the Papis halynes for my promotone therto, and forthare, hes by thire hyre wrytyngis solyst the Kingis grace, hyre brother, to wryte and lawbour effectuusly to the sammyne effect. Quaharefore I beseyk zour lordschip that the sayd lettrez mycht be convoyt with deligence, and gyf zour gud assistans and commendatone to the Kyng for me, sene our housseys ar of the auld allyat, and mekyll tendyr aquentans and kyndnes hes beyne betwyx thaim of lang tyme, as approvyt weyll be my grundsyr at the sege of Nawart, and I beleif that aye mayre and mayre tendyrnes and amyte sall daly incres amongis thaim. Gud it war ze suffyrryt na other lettrez to haf passage throw the realme but syk as salbe send fra the Queyne the caus quhy I haf wrytyne to Master Adame, and gyf ther be ony sted, servys, or plessour I may do to zour lordschip, I salbe at command, as knawys God, quha haf zour lordschip in hys blystyk kepyng. At Perth, the xxj day of Januare, wyth hand of

Zour cousyng, and at all his power zouris,

GAWYNE, Postulat of Arbroth.

To my Lord Dacre's gud lordschip.

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

61. THOMAS, LORD DACRE, to MR. GAVIN DOUGLAS, Bishop Elect of Dunkeld, congratulating him on his promotion to the See. Kirkoswald, 2d July [1515]. Contemporary copy.¹

MY LORD AND COUSIN, I commende me to youe in full hertie maner, ascertanyng youe that this daye I haif receyved a pacquet of lettres from the Kingis highnes, my soverain lord, by post, wherein, emongis oder, there is two breves, with the copie of them, directed by the Pope's holines, the one to youe, and the oder to th' Archebusshop of Sanct Andrewes, and also a litell pacquet sent to your lordship by your factor in the Courte of Rome, with a lettre from Mr. Adam Williamson, which I send unto your lordship with my servaunt this berer.

My Lord, I understand by suche lettres as is com to me, that the Pope's holines, at the instant request and greate labour of the Quenes lettres, your soverain lady, sent unto his holines, and also at the request of the Kingis grace, my soverain lordis wrting, hath elect youe Busshop of Dunkell. My said soverain lord, for the pleasour of the Quene his said sister, and also for the grete wisdome, faithfull counsale, and stedfastnes, that he fyndeth ye gif, beres, and awe unto the said Quene, with duetie of allegiance to the King your maister and his broder, my soverain lordis nephewes, hath obteigned the said busshopricke to youe, trusting that your wisdome woll induce and counsale the said Quene, and youre nephew hir husband, to the sure of the said King and his broder, and not to deporte with them to ony oder handis, without the hole assent of the lordis spirituall and temporall, seing what possibilite they stonde in.

My Lord, I understande by the copie of the two breves, that the effect of the one sent unto the Archibusshop of Saint Andrewes is a speciall revocation of such auctoritie as the Pope's holynes commytted to hym, and also of the Kingis Legacie, whiche his Holines hath fully remitt unto youe to be executed and done, whiche shall sounde and grow to your honor and proufit. And so my said soverain lord entendeth, and is well mynded towards youe, wherefore I hertely desire and praye youe to deliver, or cause to be delivered, by a substanciall person afore a notary, and recorde the breve to the saide Archebusshop, who is fled out of Flandres, and thought he is kept secrete in Scotlande, and upon the delivery thereof to make certificate accordingly. My Lorde, right joyous and glad I am of youre promocion and help, as I am bounde to be, for the grete kyndenes and entier favour that hath bene betwixt our antecessours and blood in

¹ Original Paper in Public Record Office, London.

tymes past, whiche shall never fale on my partie and of your, and receipt of thes writingis that I may be certefied with my said seruaunt; and thus oure Lord God haif youre lordship in His keping. At Kirkoswald, the seconde daye of July.

62. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY. Relations between the Queen of Scots and the Earl of Angus. Harbottle, 5th March [1518].¹

MY LORDE, pleas it your grace to wete the Quene of Scotland has bene verey evil intreated all this yere bipassed, as ye may perceyve at more lienthē be a letter of her awne hande writing whiche I sende your grace at this tyme. I sende youe also the copie of her salueconducte, wherin there is no thing kept vnto her grace that is comprised in the same conducte, neither in deliuering of her jowellies, and oder her houshalde stuf and apparale, nor levyng of her dueties and revenues nor honours, according to the same, but they dryve her to that poincte for verey necessite that she has laide in wed siche plate and jewelles as the Kingis highnes gave her, and in shorte conclusione shalbe dryven to pouertie, like as this berer canne shewe your grace, to whom the seid Quene did committē credence to me, whiche credence I haue commandēd hym to shewe vnto your grace; and had not bene that Mr. Magnus and I, at her being in Berwyk the daye afore her entre into Scotland, saw more apperance of suspicionne then we did afore, and therupon drewe a boke in the name of the Erle of Angus, wherby he renunced and gave ouer all maner of right, claymes, or entres, making full releas be the same his dede neuēr to haue medling nor intremitting with none of the Quenes coniunctefoffament, prouffettis nor jowellis, as more at large your grace may perceyve by the copie of a power whiche I made in Maister Magnus name and myne, whiche is annexed to the copie of her salueconducte, her grace hed bene fer abak. And be reasonn therof the said Erle can medle no thing with her coniunctefoffament of right. Bescheing your grace that I may knawe the Kingis highe pleasour in the premisses, for there is no remedie nor further drift, but she must aither be helped that she may haue siche thingis fulfilled as are comprised in her said salueconducte, or els she muste stèle away for verey necessite fro the tyme that siche thingis as the Kingis highnes gave her be gone. And the blissed Trinitie preserue your grace. At Harbotell the vth daye of Marche.

Yowrs with serues,

THOMAS DACRE.

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

63. GAVIN DOUGLAS, Bishop of Dunkeld, and two others, Ambassadors from Scotland in France, to CARDINAL WOLSEY, asking a safe-conduct.
Abbeville, 27th June [1518].¹

MAIST reverend in God, efter dew salutacion. We supposis that it is knawin to zour lordschip how, be command of oure soverane lord and master the King of Scottis, we ar directit, nocth anerly for peax and amite betuix the realmis of France, Ingland, and Scootland, bot als for universale concorde in the kirk of God, with sufficient auctorite and speciaill commande gevin to us, to transport us quahare it sall be expedient for the premisses ; and therapon we in thir partis have spokin with the King of France, and now we understand that the Due of Albany, Governour of Scootland and tutour to oure soverane lord, is discendent in Bertaigne, quahais secretare, Gualtere Malynny, as we belevit, suld have cummyn throw Ingland, and brocht to us ane sauf-conduct. We therfor thocht necessare to advertiss zoure lordschip this tyme, to effect that we miicht have the said sauf-conduct according to oure supplicacion for the samyn, quhilk we send to zoure lordschip hamely, becaus we knew weill zour lordschip may greitly further, and is of gude mynde towart peax amangis Cristin princis for rest and unite of Cristianite ; and this we pray zour lordschip at this tyme, as we beleif zour lordschip will, for the grete confidens we knew the said lord Governour has in zoure lordschip. Maist reverend fader in God, the Haly Gaist have zou in his keping. At Abbayweill, the xxvij day of Junii. Be zoure gude and laulye frendis,

Ambassadoris of Scootlaund,

GAWYNE, Bischesp of Dunkeld.

ROBERTUS E. Ross.

PATRICIUS, Regius Secretarius.

To the maist reverend in God, Archbischop and Cardinale of Zork, Chancellare of Ingland, Legate of the Sege apostolicque.

64. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to KING HENRY EIGHTH, thanking him for his mediation between the Queen of Scots and Angus.
Dalkieith, 19th October [1519].²

MAIST excellennt, maist hie, and maist mighty Prince, in the maist humyll and lawlye manere, I recommend my service unto zoure maist redowtit gude grace, quhom plesit knaw laityle is cumin in this realme ane venerable religious fader, freir Henry Chardworth, minister generall of the freris minoris callit observante,

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

² *Ibid.*

within zoure realme of Ingland, directe fra zoure hyenes toward the Qwenis grace, zour deirest sister, my souerane lady, quhilk has sa wele and wiselye convoyit and performyt the mater quhairfor he was sent, that hir hyenes is full hartlye appesit to resort and remane with me, hir husband and servitour, according and conforme to all ressoun and lawis, baith of God and haly kirk. Maist excellent and redoutin prince, it lyis not in my little possibilite to rendir thankis unto zoure maist nobill hyenes, that has intendit and procurit sa excedand wiselye this my pure causs, quhilke elikewiss is Goddis causs, and alsua the honour and weillfare of youre deirest sister, the Qwenys grace forsaid, and with that richt weiray acceptable till every wele myndit personage of gude zele within this realme. Quhairfor, besyde the rewarde of God, quhilk I doute nocth bot zoure grace sall ressaif for sa meritable labour, I sall endevour and abandoune perpetually my pure service in every behalfe and sort to me possible, unto zoure maist nobill excellencie, abufe all uther prince or creature levand, myne allegiance to oure souerane lord, zoure deirest nevo, alanelrye exceppit; and salbe all tymes reddy eftir my pure power, althoche it war sua that zoure hienes commandit me furthwith to pas one fute to Jerusalem, and fecht with the Turkis to the dede for zoure causs. And I beseke the eternall God to graunt me that grace that I may doo sum poynt that may be plesand or acceptable unto zoure hyenes or I pas of this wairld. Alsua, maist excellennt, maist hye, and maist mychty prince, plesit zoure grace understand that my brothir germane, George Douglas, has bene twa zheris bypast and mair in France, at the commande of our governour Duke of Albany, to his hevy cost, and to na plessur nothir to him nor his frendis, and is haldin thare but ony causs or offence, as is notourlye knawin to all this realme. Besekand thairfor zoure maist noble excellencie, that it wald pleiss the samyn to send zoure gracious letters alswele to the king thare in France as to our said governour, to the effecte that my said brothir may be deliverit and send hayme in this realme, and quhat service or uther thing that I or ony me belangis, eftir oure pure poweris may doo, acceptable to zoure hyenes, we ar and sall remane all tymes under the obeysance of zoure grace, as said is; and thus, maist excellennt, maist hye, and maist mychty prince, the Eternall and Almychty God preserve zoure maist noble Maieste in lang prosperite and . . . At Dalketh, the xix day of October, subscrivit with the hand of

Your humble servytour,

ERL OF ANGUS.

To the maist excellennt, maist hye, and maist mychty Prince, the King of Inglandes maist ryal gude grace.

65. THOMAS, LORD DACRE, to CARDINAL WOLSEY, in reference to the movements of the Earl of Angus. Norham, 14th March [1521].¹

MY LORD, pleas it your grace to be aduertised of such newis as is occurrant in Scotland. The French King seruaunt departed into Scotland vpone Sonday last past. He sent a currour to the Duke for conducting of hym, which com again and said that he could not cause hym to be conveied in suyrtie; wherfore, when I had gotten license of the Humes, I sent a seruaunt of myne with hym, albeit his conducting caused hym to remaigne in Berwick two dayes. Pleas it your grace, I aduertised yow of two shippes of warr of the Duke of Albanyes, which was redie to depart, which the xith day of this moneth went furth, a bark and v marchantis shippes with them, that lay within the kee at Leith, in which shippes of warr th' Erle of Angus and his brodre is gone towardis Fraunce, the Lord Flemynge and M^c Thomas Hay the Kingis secretary in ther company. Beeseeching your grace to be good and graciouſ to the Bussopp of Dunkell, in whom I verely trust is nothing but troughe, and that it wald pleas your grace to write in his favour to the Popis Holines for the Archbusshoprike of Saint Androwes, seing that is bruted in Scotland that he is postulate therof; and if it could be purchased it shuld make merveillous grete riek in Scotland, for he which has the gift of the Duke is the man that rewles hym moost of any living. Humbly beseaching your grace to write in the favour of Andro Hume, whiche is at the scole in Oxfurth, brodre to David Hume, for the Priory of Coldingham, assuring your grace that I can perceive nothing in the Homes but troughe and stedfastnes. And the blissed Trinite preserve your grace. At the castell of Norham, the xiiij day of Marcij.

Yours with my serues,

THOMAS DACRE.

To my Lord Cardinallis Grace.

66. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to CARDINAL WOLSEY, commanding the Bishop of Dunkeld to his Grace. Kirk of Style, 13th December [1521].²

MY LORD, in my maist humyll maner, I recommend my lauchful service to zoure grace, quhom plesit understand I and utheris has presentlie direete this berar.

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² Original in British Museum, London.

my deirest uncle, my Lord Bischop of Dunkelde, towart the Kingis grace zoure soueraine, apponne certane necessare instructiouunes, the quhilkis I traist salbe acceptable baith unto his hienes and zoure grace. Quhairfor, at the uttermaist of my powere, I beseyk zoure grace at my said uncle be thankfullie ressavit, and to have gude and haisty expedioune of his materis and directiouunes; and at zoure grace plesit schew zou his gude lorde and ouris in that behalf, and to geif to him na less credence in every thyng than to myself presentlie in persoone, for it is na lytill besynes causis him mak sik travale now at sik poynt of necessite, quhen I and all his frendis in thir partis mycht sa evill waunt his help and gude counsele. Nevertheless, baith we and he, fullie assurit in zoure gudenies and hys wisdome, beleving fermlye that his passage towart the Kingis hyenes and zoure grace mycht avale gretumlye nocth alanelry to himself and us, bot alsua to the weelfare of this realme and surtye of the Kingis persoone my souerane, deirest nevo to the Kingis hienes zoure maister, has presenteley directit him fulleye instructit in that behalf unto his Maiesty, as said is. Beseking zoure grace to tak gude hede to the mater, and quhat stede, plessour, or lauchfull service I may doo, or procure to be done to zoure plessour in thir partis, I salbe glayd to fulfyll the samyn at the commande of zoure grace, as knawis oure Lord God, quha have zoure grace in his blisst keping eternalye. At the Kyrk of Steyll, the xiiij day of December. Subscrivit withe my hand.

Zouris withe his lauchfull service,

ARCHIBALD ERL OF ANGUSS.

To my Lord Cardinallis grace of Inglaud.

67. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, and LORDS HOME and SOMERVILLE,
to KING HENRY EIGHTH, recommending the Bishop of Dunkeld as
their Envoy. Kirk of Style, 14th December 1521.¹

PLESIT zoure grace, wee haif, be the avise and counsale als wele of oure self as of my Lord of Dunkelde, has send unto zoure grace oure said Lord of Dunkelde, to sollist certane materis for the well and suretye of the King oure souerane Lord, be way of commissioune and instructiouune. To quhom it will pleiss zoure grace to geif ferme credence als wele for us as we war present. Beseking zoure grace that wee may be adverteist of zoure plessour, in als convenient haist as may stand

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

withe zoure gracious plessour, in quhome, be oure apiniounes, standis the surety of oure souerane Lorde zoure nevo. And the blessit Trinitie preserve zoure maiestee. At the Kyrk of Steyll, the xiiiij day of December.

Zouris withe oure humyll and lauthfull service,

ARCHIBALD, ERL OF ANGUS.

GEORGE, LORD HOM.

JON. SOMERWELL.

To the richt hyee and richt excellennt Prince the Kingis grace of Inglaud.

68. INSTRUCTIONS by the EARL OF ANGUS, and LORDS HOME and SOMERVILLE, to the BISHOP OF DUNKELD, to inform the English King as to the relations between King James the Fifth and the Duke of Albany. Kirk of Style, 14th December 1521.¹

INSTRUCTIOUNS and commissioune for my Lord of Dunkeld, to be schawin onto the Kyngis grace of Ingland on the behalf of my Lord of Anguss, his kyn and frendis, Lorde Hume, Lord Somervel, thaire kyn and frendis, for the weil and sourete of thaire souerane Lord, and to apont with his hienes apoun thir articulis eftir following, or ony otheris nocth being heire exprest, as is thocht expedient be the Kingis grace his consale and avice of the said bischop, for the securite forsaid.

Item, first he sal schaw how the Duke of Albany is in to Scotland, and throu his pretendit titell to the crowne, it is presumyt, he havving the kepping of the Kinge oure souerane zour nevo, and the reule of his reallme and subjectis, gret suspiciooun and danger of hys persoun. Quaharefor, without hasty help and assistance of the Kingis grace of Ingland, it is thocht til us that oure souerane Lord forsaid standis in gret juperte of his life, the quhilke help and we may have, we sal de and liff in the querrell for the souerte of oure said souerane, without quhais help it is nocth in oure power to performe, and as we may we sall luke to the mater in the meyne tyme.

Item, it is thocht till us at oure said souerane cann nocth be weil and sourelie keptit within his reallme, the Duke of Albany beand governour therof, and present in the reallme, the said Duk alssua havinge the Lordis keparis of the Kingis persone at his commandment and plessour.

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

Alssua, it is thocht til us that gif our souerane suld remane in his awin realme, the Duke beinge in Scotland, and governour thaireof, that thir thre lordis quhilkis now hes the name of the kepping of the Kinge and hes nocth in deid, thai, or otheris his keparis to be apontit be the Parliament of Scotland, suld have the nominatioun and pontinges of al his servandis about him, sik as cukis and al othir menn of office, as thai wald answer for to God, to thaire consciens, and to thaire souerane, and nocth the lordis quhilkis now hes him in keppinge, ilkane of thame curand thaire four moneths quhilkis in maner cumis for a schawinge or a syte. Sicand the said Duke of Albany poyntis all officiaris himself about oure said souerane, and alssua hes keparis of the castell, and kepis baith wach and ward abone the kinge and lordis keparis of his persoun, and assua the lord kepar for the tyme hes na maner of rewle nowder of oure soueranys diet, nor poyntinge of his servandis about him, norabilzement of his persoun. Quharefor but he . . . , and remeid heirof, to our apperance, oure said souerane is gane without the mercy of God Almychty.

Item, we think, and knawis by experiance, that the Queyne, be evil and senister consale, is mekill inclynyt to the plessour of the Duke in al maner of thingis, and ar never syndry, bot every day togidder owder forrow none or eftir, and as it is supposit hes intendent a divorce betwix the Erle of Anguss and the Queyne, and quhat consale the said Queyne had gevin hyr be the Bischop of Glasgw, the Abbot of Halyrudehous, and Master Johne Cantlie, quhom to the said Duke now at his cummyng in Scotland hes geven to hir the promotiouns, the Archbischiprik of Sanct-andrews to Glasgw, the bischoprik of Glasgw to the Abbot of Halyrudehous, and the Abbacy of Kilwynnyng to Cantlie, and other twa beneficis, and als hes had Greffell hys frand remanand with the Queyne thir thre quarteris of this zere for the completinge of his purpos, and a gret part of this consale fader frer Henry Chadworthe, quhilk the Kynge of Ingland send to the Queyne, knawis in every behalf.

Item, the said Duk of Albany come, at his first hame cummyng, to Striveling quhar the Queyne was, and fra thyne to Lithquow baith in cumpany togidder, and syne til Edinburghe; and appon the secund day eftir thar cummyng til Edinburgh, the said Duk with the Queyne went to the castel, quhar the Kinge was, and thar the capitaine deliverit the keys to the Duke, and he deliverit thame to the Queyne to dispoune at hir plessour, and syne scho gave thame to the Duke agane, as hir mast trast for the kepping of the Kingis persone.

Item, gif oure souerane cann nocth, be the consent of the thre estates of

Scotland, be transportit furthe of his realme, nor zit the Duke of Albany to devoyd the realme, that thare thir thre lordis quhilkis suld have the keping of the Kingis grace, or otheris, siclike as sal pless the thre estats to apont, to have the nominatioun and pontinge of all officiaris and otheris at ar necessare to be about oure said souerany persone, sik as thai wil ansuere for to God and thaire souerane appon thaire allegiance. And at the saidis lordis beinge keparis, and otheris his officiaris forsaid, salbe cleirly relaxit and quytclamyt, to have na mellinge with the said Duke, onto the tyme our said souerane be of perfite age as cann be thocht. And at the said Duke sal nocth cum be xxxty mylis quhar the Kingis grace is, nor nane of the Dukis familiaris resort in the place quhar he remanys, without quhilk provisioun and help the Kingis grace standis in extreme danger of the prosperite of his life.

Item, it is thocht gud by us so it stand with the Kingis plessour and the consalis, that thare be laubour maid be the Kingis grace of Ingland, onto the Papis Halynes for the securite and sur kepinge of our souerane lordis persone, be his special writingis, to be sollicit be his oratouris in the court of Rome, gif it cann nocth be done be himself.

Item, the said Erl of Anguss, and Lordis Hume and Somervell, sal weil and trewly tak part in so fer as in thame is, for the weil and sourete of the prosper estait of thare soverane lord, alsweil be thame self, kyn and frendis, and part takkaris, sua that thai may be in sourete of the Kingis grace that he sal tak na peax, nor abstinence of were with the Duke of Albany, without the sadis lordis breke thare levingis, and al that to thame rychtuisly pertenys in securite, but ony danger of the said Duke, the Kingis thare soverayne beand in sourete as said is; and for the securite thareof the sadis lordis ar bodely sworne appon the haly evangelis for thar part, kyn, and frendis, befor a reverend fader, Gawin, Bisshop of Dunkeld, and Thomas, Lord Dacre, that thai sal performe, and nocth to tret with the said Duke without the avice of the Kingis grace of Ingland, bot to remane at the sourete of thare soverane lord, sua that the sadis lordis may be advertist that his hienes wil assist to thame, quhareof thai are ryght desirus to have anser in al hast. Item, gif it sal fortone, as God forbeid it do, quhilk is to us more likly than contrary, that oure souerane be put deing or de, it is than weil knawin that the Duk of Albany wil pretend to the croune. In that case, the saidis lordis desirus to know quhat supple the Kingis grace wil do thame, and desirus that thare be na peax nor abstinence of weire taken with him, without thare securite as said is. And for the mare securite, the saidis lordis hes

subscrivit this write with thare handis, at the Kyrk of the Steill, the xiiij day of December, the zere of God M.D.XXI.

ARCHBALD, ERL OF ANGUSS.

GEORGE, LORD HOM.

JON. SOMERWELL.

69. GAVIN DOUGLAS, Bishop of Dunkeld, to CARDINAL WOLSEY, desiring an audience. Waltham Cross, 24th December [1521].¹

MY LORD, in all humble and dew maneyr I recommend my lawfull seruycce onto zour grace, quham plasyt knaw I am cummyn in this realme, send from my lord Erll of Anguse, othir lordis of Scotland, and grete personagis, to the Kingis hyenes, apone certane neydfull dyrectiones, and specially concernyng the weylfare and surte of his derrest nevo, the Kyng my soueran, and gif I, quhilk am onknawyn wyth his Magesty, durst haf presuynt to haf wrytyn onto the samyn, I wald gladly, besekyng zour grace to support me in that behalf, and that it mot playse zow to schaw me in quhat place and quhat tyme I sall cum to zour grace, and sa furth onto the Kyngis hyenes, and I salbe verre glad to awayt apone zour command. And gif it had nocth beyn for this he fest of Cristis Natyyte, and als that I am sum paire accrasyt by the way, I suld haf cummyn strecht to zour grace, beseykyng elyke wyse the samyn to pardone this my hamly wrytyn, and to send ansuere tharof at zour plasour. And the blyssyt Lord preserue zour grace in lang and eternall prosperite. At Waltame Cros, this Crystymes Evyn. By the hand of

Zour chaplane wyth his lawfull seruycce,

GAWYN, Bisshop of Dunkeld, etc.

To my Lord Cardynalis grace.

70. GAVIN DOUGLAS, Bishop of Dunkeld, to CARDINAL WOLSEY, desiring a speedy audience of the King. London, 31st December [1521].²

PLEIS zoure grace, Maister Galtere, commendator of the Abbay of Glenluse, and secretar to the Duke of Albany callit Gouernour of Scotland, is cumin to London, and with him Ross herald, and ane nothir pursavant callit Carrik, quhilk is ane Francheman borne, and I traist is to pas to France, and with thame thre vther seruandis. Quhairfor I beseyk zoure grace, gif it war zoure plesour, that I mycht

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

² *Ibid.*

haif presence of the Kingis hienes als some as thai, and gif I mycht knaw ony of thair direccions, perauentour I suld informe the Kingis hienes and zour grace of sik thingis as ze wald think necessair to make anser to thair peticious; and desyris farther mot pleis zoure grace to remembryr my lytill materis at Rome, and in that behalf to geif credence to this berar, my familiar chaplane and cousing, with quhom zoure grace wald aduerteis me at zoure plesour quhat ze will commande. And the Haly Trinite preserve zoure grace eternaly. At London, this New Yeris Evin. Subscriuit with the hand of

Zour humble seruytour and Chaplane of Dunkeld, etc.

To the maist reverend fader in God, and his maist singulare gude lorde and maister, my Lord Cardinallis grace of Zork, Legate de latere and Chancellare of Ingland, etc.

71. THE SAME to THE SAME, in reference to the negotiations. London,
1st January 1522.¹

PLEISS zoure graice, my chaiplane quhilk was zisterday at zoure presence schew me . . . Galtere, this secretare of the Duke of Albanyis, has said to zoure grace that I promyst nocht to cum within this realme, and therfor of his maisteris behalf . . . zour grace to withhold me heyre, and lat me pass na farthir. My Lord, I beleif zour hye wisdome will nocht geif credence sa lichtlye aganis me, and specialie to the Duke of Albany or ony of his servandis, quhilkis is capitalle and dedelie imimye to me and all my houss, and thairfor it is na wounder albeyt he say sik thingis for my harmme, quhilk diverss tymmez and zite daylie baithe sayis and dois all that he may or cann ymagyne to my distruccioun and extermacioun of all my kyn; and as I sall anser to God and zour graice, the contrare of it he sayis is playn verite, for baith be messinger and write I declarit him playnlie I wald pass throcht this realme and na uther way, and gart schew him quhat day I was appoynit to entir in the grond of Ingland, the quhilk I kepit trewlye. And thus zoure graice may considdir quhat favouris he beris to me, or how I suld be intreit gif I war in Scotland under his subjecciuone, or zite gif I pass to France or ony uther part quhair he may sollist ony thing, quhen he is sa bald within this realme, quhairin I traist he has lytill credence, as for to sollist zour graice in my contrare, albeyt ze haif grantit me the Kingis hienes saufconducte, the quhilk I traist I haif nocht forfalt nor zite zoure grace will suffer be broken.

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

And besyde this the mater is petiuss gif ony kirkmann suld be . . . gangand to Rome for his lauchefull defence an summond thiddir. And neththeless zoure grace knawis full wele I may be lichtlie intretit to remane here bot na wayis at his commande nor desyre, and full wele wayt zour hye wisdome quhat is to be done or answerit to sik ane peticione, mekle bettir than I and mony sik cann ymagyn. Albeyte gif it mychthe stand withe zour gracis plessour, I wald besyk zour grace to answer to this Galter, that gif the Duke hes maister wilbe content my accioune and mater be remittit furthe of Rome to zour grace, and before zour auditoure, quhareof I wald be glayd, zour graice suld causs me remane, and ellis quhy or how suld ze hold me fra my lauchefull defence, quhilk is of the law of nature, specialie I havand the Kingis saufconduete to pass, as said is. This is my litill avise under correccioun of zoure grace, quhom I beseyk to perdone this my sa haymlye wrytinge. And the Haly Trinite haif zoure grace in his blissit and eternall kepinge. At Lundone, this New Zeris Day, subscrivit with the hand of Zour humble servytour and Chaplane of Dunkeld.

To the maist reverend fader in God, and his maist singulare gude lorde and maister, my Lord Cardinallis graice of Zork, Legate de latere and Chancellare of Ingland.

72. THE SAME TO THE SAME, in reference to the Bishop of Glasgow and his party. London, 6th January 1522.¹

PLACYT zour grace, ze had zistyrday syk byssynes that I mycht nocht schew zour grace quhat I thocht, tuychyngh the cummyng of this Scottis prest, Ser John Duncansone, quha zistyrday presentyt wrytyngis to the Kingis hyenes and zour grace for ane salve conduct, and is cummyne furth of Scotland wyth gret dylligens apone vij days, and is ryght famlyare wyth the Duk of Albanye, and speciall servand of a lang tyme to the Archbischesp of Glasgw, and hes brocht wyth hymn wrytyngis and dyrectyones fra thaim bayth, to be sped in Frans, Flandres, and Rome, as I knew by his wordis. Also thare is cummyne wyth hym ane Italiane callyt Evangelista, the manere of a Lombard in Scotland, to convoy hym at merchandis hand heyre and in Flandres. Gyf zour grace hed seyne ther lettrez and dyrectyones, I trast ze suld knew mony thyngis thareby, and gif zour hye prudens thynkis spedfull at salve conductis be sped here at the instance and subscriptyone of the said Duk, I report me to zour gret wysdome, or zit that the

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

said Biscep of Glasgwyis materis and promotone for Sanctandris suld prospere, consyddryng he is the moist spyciall mann that manteinys, and all ways hes manteinyt the said Duk. I dreyd also this Duncansone is dyrekkyt in my contrary and to do me hurt, and besekis zour grace to provyd the rathare sum remedy tharefore, and gif it mycht stand wyth zour plessour, that he had na passage for the causyt foresaidis, onto the tymme zour grace knew mare fully his dyrectyones; and gyf zour hye prudens plesys so do, I wald nayne knew this cam by my desyre, becaus he fenzeis hymne famyliare wyth me, quhareby peraventure I sall knew sum part mayre of his mynd, albeyt I knew ellis the fynes of the mann, and nayne mayre dowbyll in oure realme. Do as plessis zour grace, quham God preserve. At Lundone, this Epyphanye day, wyth the hand of

Zour humble servytour and chaplane of Dunkeld.

To my Lord Cardynalis grace.

73. THE SAME to THE SAME, lamenting the defection of the Earl of Angus to the Duke of Albany's party. Inn of Carlisle, 31st January [1522].¹

PLESIT zoure grace, sen I herd the tythings and wrytings of zisterday, I am and haif bene so dolorous and full of vehement ennoye, that I dar nocht auentour cum in zoure presence, quhilk causis me thus wryte to zoure noble grace, beseking the samyn of zoure grete goodnes to haif compatiencie of me, desolatt and wofull wyght. Albeyt I grant I haif deseruyt punycioum, and am vnder the Kyngis mercy and zouris not for any falt or demeritt of my avne, but by raisoun of thair vntreuthe, that causit me labour for the wele of thair prince and thair securite, quhilk now has wrocht thair avne confusiooun and perpetuall schayme, and has servit me as your grace may considdyr, that sollistit the Kingis hyenes and zoure grace to wrytt and doo for thame so oftyng tymez and so largely, in diuerse sortis, als wele to thair support as confort, quhairof as now, I most nedis vnderly zoure mercy; albeyt I doweit not bot your hye prudence consideris profoundly my part thairof, and my hole trew mynde all tyme but ony dissimulancie, that in goode faythe am forthir dissauit in this mater then ony vtheris, by raisoun quhareof I am so full of sorowe and displesour, that I am wary of my avne lyfe, and promittis to God and zoure noble grace, as youre humble seruand, and ane trew Cristin preist, that I sall neuir heve nor tak way with the Duke of Albany, the vnworthy Erl of Anguse, nor na vtheris that assistis to the said Duke, but your express commande and

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

avise, nor neuer shall pas in Scotlaund but at your plesour so lang as this wikkylt Duke is thairin or has rewle thairof. And I traist my brother and vther my frendis will vse my consale, albeyt zon zoun gwyll has runnyn apoun his avne myscheyf be continewall persuasioune of wyly subtile mene, and for lak of goode counsale, schewing to him I dowte not mony feneit letrez and wounderfull terrouris, that the Lord Hwme and vtheris wald pass in and lefe him allane, and that I wald be takin and haldin heyr, and that Galter the Dukis secretarie had appoynit with the Kingis hienes for his distractioun, and the Duke to mary the Qwene. I dowte nocht sik thingis and mekle mayr has bene sayd, and with this the wrytingis at your grace causit me send furthe of Hamtonn Courte on Saint Thomas daye come nocht to him quhill the xiiij day of Januare, and so he has remanyt confortles in the menetyme, quhill the tother subtile folkis had conveyit thair mater. Wald God I had send ane seruand of my avne with the writingis or past myself with thame, in cais I had lyin vij zeris eftir in presen, for I fynd absence is ane schrew, and diligence with expedicioun mycht haif done grett goode. Albeyt of verite thair may be none raisonable nor honest excuse that suld cause ony creature brek his lawte or promyt, and I beseyk God that I may see him really punyst for his demerittis and promysse brokyn, mayd to the Kingis hienes and me his vncle, and salbe glayd to sollist the Kingis hienes and zour grace to this effecte at all my powere. Neththeles I beseka zour grace to remembre the welefare and securite of the Kingis grace of Scotlaund, my souerane lord and maister, and to sollist the Kingis hyethnes to that effecte, for his grace has maid no falt but is aluterly innocent. This is and was my principall direccioun and caus of my hyddyr cumming, as your grace full wele vnderstandis, albeit I wald haif procurit as I cowth the weifayr of my self, and frendis besyde, gif thai had not wrocht in the contrare to thair avne distruecioune and myne, sa fer as in thame lyis. And gif I durst be so bald as to sollist zoure grace, and schew quhat wayis war best for the weylfare of the zoung Kingis grace my souerane, I wald be glayd to endeavour myself thairto at the commande of zoure grace. In cais now I dar nocht auentour to propone na sik thingis, by raisoun that I am dissauit be my most tendyr frendis in my fyrist interpryse, in contrare to all goode lyklyhed or naturall equite. Beseking zoure grace of youre gracious anser, and quhat ze will commande me to doo, and to be my goode lorde, and to lat me knaw gif it be zour plesour that I awayt apone youre seruice, and doo my devitee as I aucht of dett, and wald be glayd so to doo, for furthe of this realme will I not depart so lang as I may remane thairin with the Kingis plesour and zouris, quhat penurice

and distres so euir I sustene. And zoure gracious ansuere hereupoun in woundre,
be message or writing, I humily beseyk, or gif it pleis your grace I cum my self to
zoure nobill presence thairfor. And God Allmychty preserue your grace eternalye.
At the In of Carlile, the last day of Januare. Subscriut with the hand of
Zour humble seruytour and dolorus Chaplann of Dunkeld, etc.

To my Lord Cardinallis good grace, etc.

**74. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to CARDINAL WOLSEY, promising
diligence in State affairs. Jedburgh Abbey, 24th July [1524].¹**

MAIST reverend in God, in my maist lauly manere I commend my levefull
hertlie service to zour grace, according to the Kingis grace zour soverains lettres
send with his hienes servitour, Clarenceux King-of-Armes, to the Kingis grace
my soverane. The hale auctorite of his realme is gevin and put be his trew
liegis in his gracis handis, and nouther Duc nor uther man levande, sa far as is
in me, sall have powar therof, nor vse the samyn, bot I sall be als diligent and
afald in tymes cummyn, that it sall be vsit be his hienes, as I wes to putt it in
his gracis handis. Forther, quhat service I may do ony maner of way to the
plesour of zoure grace, is and sall be redly at all tymmes efter my sober poware,
and like as I am adettit and as zoure grace sall persave, quhen zoure grace plesis
charge my simpilnes. And God conserve zoure grace eternaill. Of the Abbay of
Jedburge, the xxiiii day of July.

Be zoure gracis lauly servitoure,
ERL OF ANGUS.

To ane maist reverend in God, my Lord Cardinale of Zork, legate and
chancellare of Ingland.

**75. THOMAS, DUKE OF NORFOLK, to KING HENRY EIGHTH, on behalf of the
Earl of Angus. Newcastle, 31st August [1524].²**

PLESITH it your highnes too be advertised, that my lorde of Anguyshe hath
instaunty desired me to be contented too suffre hym to comme to your grace, to
declare and shewe dyvers thingis vnto your highenes, whiche doo touche hym

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

² *Ibid.* There is also a letter from the Duke of Norfolk, of the same date, to Cardinal Wolsey, expressed in nearly identical terms.

very sore (as he doth afferme), and hath desiered me also to write vnto your grace in his favour; vpou whos many requestis made vnto me I have beeene soo bold to suffre hym to goo at this tyme towardes your grace, beseching your highenes not to bee discontented with me for the same. And mooste humble I beseche your highenes to bee his good and gracious lorde, for vndoubtedly, sir, withoute your highe favour and greate helpe to be shewed vnto hym, he and dyvers of his seruautes and frendis in Scotland bee in danger too take great hurt. And assuredly no man in that realme is of strenght and poure to doo your grace and the King his soverin lorde suche service as he maye doo, ner in myne opinion bettin myended thereunto, as I am in ferme hope and beleve it shalbe well proved whensoever the tyme shall requyre; beseching Almighty Jhesu to send your highenes th'accomplishementis of your mooste noble hertis desires. Writtene at Newcastle the laste day of August.

Your most humble subiect and servant,

T. NORFFOLK.

To the Kingis moste noble grace.

76. THOMAS, LORD DACRE, to CARDINAL WOLSEY, as to the Earl of Angus.
Newcastle, 31st August [1524].¹

MY LORD, pleas it your grace to wete, where as I was lately advertised from youe that my Lord of Angus (at his arryvall into thes partes) shuld incontinente departe into Scotland, for certein good purposes, for the weall and suretie of the yong King his soverain, the King oure soverain lordes nephieu. And incontinente aftur his departure from the Kingis highenes and your grace, the Kingis pleasour and yours was that (at the deasire and by labour made by the Quenes grace of Scotland) my said Lord of Angus shuld remaigne still, and not departe nor cum into Scotland vnto suche tyme as th' affaires there, now being in hande for the suretie of the said yong King of Scottis, shuld take effecte; wherupon my said Lord of Angus, considering and vnderstanding that it was the Kingis pleasour and yours that he shuld so do, was verey well contented to follow and accomplish the same. Notwithstanding he hathe therby loste the moste parte of his freindis and parte takers in Scotland, wherby (without helpe of the Kyngis said highnes and your grace) he is not of habilitie to do the King his said soverain so good service, and the Kingis highnes and your grace so grete pleasour, as he might have done

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

if he had departed into Scotland. And for that purpose at this tyme my said Lord of Angus commeth vp in his proper person to hayffe licence of the Kingis said highnes and your grace, to departe into his owne realme with the gracious favours of the Kingis highenes and of your grace. As knoweth the Holy Trinite, who ever preserve your grace. At the Kingis town of Newcastle-vpon-Tyne, the laste day of Auguste.

Yours with hys serves,

THOMAS DACRE.

To my Lord Legatis grace.

77. SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS, brother of the Earl of Angus, to the DUKE OF NORFOLK, as to the liberation of the Bishop of St. Andrews, etc.
Bonkil, 24th October [1524].¹

MY LORD, pless zour grace for novellis, in thir partis the Bechep of Sanct Andros is put to his fredoume at the plesur of the Quenis grace and the Erll of Arane, thai ar agreeit be twene ther selfis, in quhat the maner I knew nocth as zit of surte, bot also sone as I git wit zour grace salbe advertist; and ass I beleyp the imbassadouris cumis nocth haistly. It is said in this cuntre the Queniss grace and the Erll of Arane will the Franch way. I cann nocth sa it for surte, bot if it is denit in this cuntre, zour grace wil beleyp that I say this for malis of the Erll of Arane, becauss I faver hymm nocth. For souerte, the Bechep of Sanctandros wes put to his leberete one Fryday. Zour grace may consider weill the Quenis grace and my Lord of Arane has few frendis in Scotland, quhenn thai tak furth the Bechep of Sanctandros to mak hymm ther frendis, consideryne at the Quenis grace and the Erll off Arane has writyne to the Kyngis grace of Ingland divers tymiss, schawyne at the Bechep of Sanctandross wes sa gret anne frend to the Duk of Albany, and sa fer in contrary off the Kyngis grace our master, quhar by zour grace may consider the constance and wisdume of thame. Zour grace schew me ze wer of consall to his inputtyne in ward, bot zour grace wald nocth schaw me at my departyne at ze wer of consall to his furtht commyne, becauss I trow ze knew it nocth. I dred the Erll of Arane will causs the Queniss grace to gay the way at is nocth the weill off the Kyngis grace hyr sonn and our master, nor the plesur of the Kyngis grace hyr bruder; therfor gud it wer that zour grace gart haist my Lord of Angus in Scotland, for the weill off the haill mater standis one his cumyne, for all the gret Lordis of

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

Scotland will tak his part in the servyne of the Kyngis grace our master, for the weill and souerte of his persone; and failzeand my Lordis cumynge, I feir at thai sall gange the Dukis way, for thai ar sa discontentit off the reull off the cuntre at this our at thai ar determit thai will nocth gange the Quenis way, nor the Erll of Arane way, be causs thai se nother wisdoume nor constance with thame, and sais thai ar unabill for sik anne chargis. And forder, thai say my Lord of Anguss is haldyne ass presoner in Ingland, and he cumand ther under traist quhar for thai cann gyff na credence to the way off Ingland, seand hymn sa demanit. My Lord, I thynk no mervell the Lordis off Scotland thynkkis at my Lord iss haldyne agayne his will, for my unkell Archbald of Douglas and my bruder will gyff me no credence bot he is haldyne as anne presoner, and speris at me quhat is the causs at he comm nocth in Scotland alss sone as I, and I haiff schawyne thame the best rasonis I cann to put thame in gude beleiff. My Lord, at the reverence of God haist my Lord of Anguss in Scotland, or ellis all at zou haiff done iss for noucht. It will pless zour grace to aperdon me at I amm sa bald to writ sa haymly to zour grace as I haiff done; the causs is at I se the Kyngis grace and the reume standis zit in sa gret ane danger, that without it be schortly halpet it will pass ramed, saifand the pleSUR of God. And if I get uthar novellis I sall advertiss zour grace with diligence, quhame God preserf. At Boncle this Tysday . . . xxvij day off this instant October, be zour gracie servand at power,

GEORGE DOUGLASS.

To my speceall gud Lord the Duk off Norfok.

78. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTS,
desiring a reconciliation. Bonkill, 1st November [1524]. Old copy.¹

MADAME, in my mooste humble and lowly maner I commende my service to your grace. It woll pleas your grace to knowe that I have beene with the Kingis grace your brother, the whiche is oone of the moost Cristened princis, and his grace hath entreated me so mervelous welle, that he hath addetted me and all that woll do for me to do his grace service and honour, in so farre as lyeth in my poure, myne allegeaunce exceptit to the Kingis grace my soueraine. Madame, I am comme into this realme to do the Kingis grace, my master, and your grace,

¹ Original in British Museum, London. The letter was returned, unopened, by the Queen, to Angus.

honour and service, in so ferre as lyes in my poure, and shall do the same as gladly as any other in all the realme of Scotland; beseeching your grace ye wold except it, for their is no maner of thing that maye be wele to the Kingis grace my souerain, nor to your graces honour and pleassour, but I shalbe glad to fulfill the same. Madame, if there be any of my unfrendis that in my absence have made senestre informacion of me unto your grace, I wold beseche your grace that ye wold stand so good and gracious lady unto me that ye wold be contente that I maye speke with your grace, and if I have offended to your grace any maner of waye, I shall refourme it at the sight and plessour of your seid grace; beseeching your grace that ye woll advertise me of your myende in writing, as I that shalbe redy to fulfill the same, as knoweth God, who preserve your grace eternally. At Boncle, the first daye of November, by the hand of your humble servant.

79. THE SAME to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, as to the Queen's Ambassadors, and wanting money. Tantallon, 28th November [1524].¹

My dewte beand ramemberit onto zour nobil grace, it will pleiss zour henes for to remember, at my departing zour henes desyrit me for to fulfill certane articulis at the plessour of zour henes, the quhilke I haif done at the utermest of my powar, baith to the servis of the King my soverane, and tho the plessour of the Qwenis grais his mother. I raport me to zour imbatchatouris gif I haif fulfyllit the samyn. The Qwene standis extreme in tho my contrare, and castis all wayis can be devisyt for the distractioun of me and myne, and scho will na way of concord with me, and I haif offerrit hir grace all the offerris that I and my frendis can deviss, howbeit I failset nevir to hir at the plessour of zour henes and command, as zour imbatchatouris can schaw zour henes. Schir, it will pleiss zour henes for tho ramember that zou promyst me, gif that the Qwene wald noct be contentit till agree with me at zour henes conseill, that you suld talk my pairet aganis hir, and al utheris my unfrendis and enemyss in thir partis, the quhilke I put na dowt bot zour henes will fulfyll the samyn. Schir, pleiss zour henes that the monye ze gaif the Qweyne that sche has spendyt it, as zour imbatchatouris can schaw zow, apone my enemyss for till invaid me and my frendis, and tho the thaim, as I beleif, will nother be gud servands tho the King our maister, nor to zour henes, as will be knawyne afterwart in deid. It will pleiss zour henes tho wyt that ther is imbatchatouris comen in Ingland fra the Qwene, of the quhilke I am ryght glad, and

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

has furthirut thaim at my powar, for causs I understand it was zour henes plessour and will. The Qwene has devisyt thaim all of ane soirt, gret ennemysse tho me at ther powar, and therfor I beseik your henes at thai haif na credens tuyching me in na materis, for thai are in sum part send for evill of me, as Maister Reitleif can inform zour henes therof, and I ame and salbe evir ane gud servand to the King my souerane, and to zour henes. I beseik zour henes to stand my gud and graciis prince, and that I may haif help and suple of zour henes with monye to furnesche twa hundredth men for ane certaine tyme, and with the grais of God I sall do zour henes fitt servis with the samyn that ze salbe contentynt therof. It will pleiss zour henes to pardone me that I wryt sa bauldlie to zour heries; the causs is I faind zour henes sa noble and gratius prenss to me at all tymyss bygan, that my hail houp and traist is in zour henes, beseikand zour maist nobill gracie to do me that honour, as for to command me with ony servis, for I sall fulfill the samyn at the utermaist of my powar, myne allegleans kepand to my souerane, prayand God tho the presserve zour maist nobil henes in prosperrite. Wryttyn at Teintallone, the xxvij day of November, be zour humble servitor at all his powar,

ARCHEBALD, ERL OF ANGUSS.

To the Kinges henes of Ingland.

80. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY, remarking on the Queen's Embassy, etc.
Tantallon, 28th November [1524].¹

SCHIR, unto zour nobill grace I recommend my servis, in my maist lawlie maner. It will pleiss zour grace to ramember that ther was certaine articulis maid betuix zour grace and me at my departing, the quhilk I haif and sall fulfull the samyn tho the utermost of my powar. I haif maide my offeris tho the Quene, as zour grais commandyt me, in my maist lawlie maner, quhilk Maister Reitleif can shaw zour grace, bot scho will one na wys heir of na concord, bot sekis all the wayis scho can for my uter destruction, and the monye that the Kinges henes and zour grais send tho the hir, scho has disponyt yt to my enemyss for till invaid me. Therfor I beseik zour grace to lat hir get no maner monye, sene that scho will noct use zour graces consell, for I sall use the Kinges consell and command, and zour graces, to the utermost of my powar, my allegiance excepit to my soverane. It will pleiss zour grace to ramember ze promist me, gyf the Qwene wald noct use

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the Kinges henes conseil, hir brutheris, and zouris, that zour grace suld taik my pairet agains hir and all utheris, the quhilke I put na dout bot the Kinges henes and zour grace wyl do, for I sall fulfull all that I haif promist. Also it will pleis zour grace to ramember that I wrait to zou for the bischopryk of Morray, and for the abbay of Melros, quhilks ar baithe vacand. I beseik zour grace for the bullis of thaim, ane or baithe, as zour grace thinkis expedient, and I sall radound zour grais all costis and expensis ze maik therapon. The imbabatouris of Scotalande ar cumand to zour grais. Thair ar devysit be the Qwene the gretast enemyss that I haif in Scotalande, and therfor pleiss zour grais to gif thaim na credence, quhatever thai rapport of me, for Harry Stewart and the Erl of Cassillis ar cousins germane, and the bischop of Dunkell, as zour grace knawis, was ever ane gude Frenschman and never treu to Scotalande nor Inglande, and was ane of gret movaris of the ware betuix us and zou. As tho the thrid, I knau na evill tho hymm, gif that thai solist hymm, he is ane gud kyrrkman, for knew I erst ellis of thaim I wald advertische zour grais. It will pleiss zour grais to understande that I haif wryttyn to the Kinges henes for to haif wages of his henes to furnesche me twa hundredth men for to serve the King my soverane and the Kinges henes of Inglande. My haill traist is in zour grais of all my materis, and zour graces anser agane in wryt, with the fyrt post that cumis in Scotalande ; and gif ther be ony servis I may do to zour grace, pless command me, and I salbe ane redy, as God knauis, quha pressevere zour nobill grace in prosperite. Writtyn at Tentallon, the xxvij day of November.

Yours at powar,

ERL OF ANGUSS.

To my Lord Cardonellis grace of Inglande.

81. MR. MAGNUS, the English Ambassador, to ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, with advice as to his affairs. Edinburgh, 14th December [1524]. Old copy.¹

To my good Lorde therle of Angwishe. Myne owne good lorde, full hartely I recommende me vnto your lordeshippe. And where, ammongis other thinggis, it is reapoorted here that ye and my Lorde of Leneux, with your company and sevauntis attending vpone youe, doo vse the hous and monastery of Pasley as if the same

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

were your owne, and intende soe to contynue, and to use hit for a season, to the grete hurt and hynderaunce of the said monestary, so that the monkis and breder of that hous, with good and convenient hospitalitie, canne not nor may be mayntaynned, as to the same it doethe of righte apperteine. I, your poore frende and assured good lover, doe marveille therof, considering, as I knowe of trouthe, howe well and howe lovingly the Abbot of the saide monastery berethe his speciall and singular good mynde and favour to your said lordeshipe, and to my said Lorde of Leneux. In somyche as for your boode causes his lordeshipe haithe susteynned noe little lakke nor blame, wherunto I have bene and ame prive, and is and wolbe as well contente that boode your lordeshippes shall have your pleasuris in the same his monestery as any lordes in all Scotlande, and asmyche hit is his mynde ye boode shalbe welcome to that hous, using hit as his frendes and loving lordes in good and reasonnable maner. And albeit I write thus vnto youre saide lordeshipe, yet knowing your good gentilnes and honour, I doute not but ye woll have consideracion to th'effeete of these premisses sondery causes remembred further thenne nowe I write vnto youe. Righte glade I ame, my lorde, that your said lordeshipe doothe soe well and soe sobury use your selff and your servauntis in every thing that may be to the contentacion of your soveraine lorde and maister, and to the obeisaunce of his preceptis and commaundementis, making noe transgressiones to the same, not doubting but your lordeshipe soe doing it shall not be long, but by the meanes and mediaicion of the Kinggis highenes my soveraine lorde and maister, a myche better way shalbe takene for youre reconciliacion to the Quenes favour and redubbing of your estate, thenne canne be by any violence or other attemptate by youe to be enterprised at your oone hande. And assuredly your lordeshipe may put your truse and confidence in the Kinggis highenes my maister, and in my lord legates grace, as in those whiche in due and convenient tyme wolle not fail to see every thing ordoured as shalbe to your honour, proufite, and contentemente. And as a poore mann may, I shall at all tymes be a meane to and for the same purpos. Letting youe wete that yesterday I receivid sondery letters and writinggis frome oue of Einglande. Amonggis other oone conteynning newes of such expedicion as the Frenche King haithe by his sodayne arivall and reparing into Italy. Copy wherof with this I sende vnto your saide lordeshipe, whom Almighty God have in his preservacion. At Edinburghe, the xiijith day of December.

To my Lorde of Angioise, to my Lordes grace.

82. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to THE ENGLISH AMBASSADOR.

Kilmars, 15th December [1524].¹

MAISTER MAGNUS, in my maist hairtie maner I commend me tho the zow, quham pleise to vyt I haif rasavit zour writting this last Thursday, datyt at Edinburghhe, the xiiiij day of December, with the copy of ane byll of tythandis, quharof I thank zow hightly, and I ame ryght glad of the samyn. And quhar ze wryt tho me that it is reportit my Lorde of Lenox and I, with our company and servauntis, purpossis till vse the hous and monestery of Paslaye has our avne vralie ze sall knawe that I ame cumyt in this countre tho speik with my Lorde of Lenox, and he and I to be togyddir at this tyme of Cristynnes, knawand na thing bot at my Lorde of Paslay walde haif beyne weill contentyf of the samyn. And beleif weill we will do na thing to the displesour of my Lord of Paslay, prayand his lordship tho eum hayme; and I taik one me thair salbe na thing done till his place nor till hymself bot to his plesour. Prayand zow gif ther be ony thing that I may do to zour plesour that ze will charge me, quhome ze sall fynde redy at the vtermest of my powar, and ze sa doand ze do me singler plesour, and addettis me tho do for zow the residew of my lyf, and forther, God haif zow in his keping. At Kylmawr, the xv day of December.

Zours at command,

EARL OF ANGUS.

Till the ryght honorable and his traist frende Maister Magnus, Ambaxater tho the Kingis grais of Englande, etc.

83. MR. THOMAS MAGNUS, the English Ambassador, to ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to persuade him not to favour the French party. December [1524].²

To the righte honorable th'erle of Angwisshe.

MYNE ounе good Lorde, full harte I recommande me vnto your good lordeshippe, aduertissing the same that of late Master George your broder acertaynmed me of the ariving at Dombar of the twoe galees with the Duke of Albeny's servautes, with further matier, wheroft I doute not but at the same tyme your said lordeshippe had woerde frome your said broder, and thenne I adverstised hym to putte you

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.² Original in British Museum, London.

in remembraunce to see that by noe subtil meanes nor crafte ye shulde be circumvented to the Frenshe favors, and that asmyche as ye couthe ye shulde kepe boote my Lorde of Leneux and other your frendes frome that purpoos.

Mi Lorde, as the une I wroote to your said broder, righte soe nowe, hering that many practises be in hande, aswell for appointing trestes and metingges as for other meanes to induce lordes and noble menn to the oppynnyons of sondery persons, I advise youe to take speciall regarde and fore sighte, or that ye shall enter to farre uppon any lighte or sodeine mocion to be mooved unto your lordeshipe, aither by any your oun frendes or other; for as I here myche crafte is used nowe, boote by spirituall and temporall persons, to induce noble menn, some oone waye and some ane other, doutefull to the surety of the yong King, your soveraine lorde and maister, and for the weall of this his realme. And therfore I truste ye woll not be haisty, aither for any fayre woordes or promyses, to enter into any causes, onles ye doe surely see the same be for the weall and prosperous maynteynnynge of the said yong King, your maister, to his estate and digneite royll; and specially that ye fall not to the devucion of Fraunce, for if ye soe shulde doe as some doe reapoorte and suspecte, it shall clerely be to your oun destruction, whiche God defende. Your surety is that ye hoolde faste and firmlye to your saide maister, and to intromytte with noe doutefull matiers but by the counsell, advice, and consent of the Kingges said highenes my maister, or of my said Lorde Legates grace; for your lordeshipe soe doing shall fynde that way mooste for your weall, prouifte, and surety, and fynally to the gretteste advauncement of your honnour, and with the favour of God to youre long contynuaunce in the same. Mi Lorde, as ye procede in your metingges and commynnyng of your causes, I truste ye woll give me some advertismemente of the same.

84. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to THE ENGLISH AMBASSADOR, in
answer to the latter's. Melrose, 1st Januariy [1525].¹

MY LORDE AMBASSATUR, I recommende me hartly oneto zou. Plesit zou to understande that I rasavit ane writyng of zourses this Setterdaye, the last daye of December, and quhar that ze writ to me that ze wer advertesit be my bruder of the cumyne of the Duke of Albanyis tua galais, of the quhilk I gat avertesyn, with all the tydandes that thai wald tell playnly; and quhar ze desir me in zour writteniss that I be not, be no suttell menis nor craft, circumvendit to the Franss

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

faver, and that I sulde kep my lorde of Lenox, and all vtheris of my frendis, fra the same, the quhilke I sall do to the ute most of my power. I will kep all that I promist oneto the Kynge zour master, and I beleiff that he will do the same to me. I mervell grettumly that ze writ not to me off the Kynge of Ingland mynde, consideran ze knew quhat part that I haff kept onetill hym, and ze avertis me na thyng of the Quenis mynde, nor quhat ze haiff done in till that matter. The Kynges grace off Inglande promist oneto me, gyff the Quhene wald not use his consall, that he sulde take my part in hyr contraire, the quhilke I beleiff scho has not done, and I haff fulfillit all that I promist, and sall do with the grace of God. Therfor I pray zou that ze will writ me all tydandes with this present berar; and gyff ther be ony plesar that I may do for zou, advertis me, and I will do it with all my hart, and God haff zou in his kepynge. At Mulross, this fyrrst day of Januar.

Zours at command,

ERL OF ANGUSS.

To my lorde ambassador to the Kynges grace of Inglande.

85. THE SAME to THE SAME, as to the Queen's conduct, and other matters.

St. Andrews, 27th January 1525.¹

MY LORD EMBASSATOUR, in to my maist hartlie maner I commend me to zou, and hes reservit zour gude effectous writyne at Glammis, the xx day of Januare, datyt of Edanbrucht, the xvij day of the sammyne, quhilke baris the effek of ane writyne send last be me to zou, ande alss zour lordschip assuris me of the Kyngis grace of Yngland will conclud nor deserne one na materis, bot in sik maner that I sall knew the gret kyndnes of his hynes. My Lord, veraly I beleif surly the sammyne, becauss I ame ryght sure his moist desyre, nixt the honour of his awine realme and persone, is the weiffaire, honour, ande gydyne of my suffrane, quhais hyenes, with the grace of God, I sall serf alss trewlye, with alss gude hart as ony uthir barone of his realme, quhilke I knew moist plesand to the Kyngis grace of Yngland, to hwoys heyneſ I ame more indettet thane all thai leiffand, excepce my sufferane.

Ande ass twychyne the Quenys grace, quhar zour lordschip beleiffis with zour gude lawboris scho salbe resonyt toward me, and at hyre grace spekis no dispeseind wourdis of me, quhilke I cane nocht persave, becauss hyre grace writis to part of my lordis to conweyne, in the quhilke I fynde me ay exceypytt. Howbeyt,

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

I traist it ware na dishonour to hyre grace thocht I ware requyrit witht utheris, and I mae haif pacience quhill God provyd hyre gud mynd towert me, quhilk I wald ware sene.

And quhare zour lordschip writis the cummyne of Grosells and the maner, to lytill effek as ze understande, howbey I beleif uthir wayis, ande ane gret commisioun with gret credens, and as I consyder uneknawine to zow, with a speciale artikle againts me for my cummyne furth of Franche, and passyng in Ynland, for the quhilk the Kinge of France ande the Duke of Albany are gretly displesyt, and hes writan the sam to the Quenys grace in the scharpest maner thai cann dewiss, becauss thai knaw surly I will serf the Kingis grace my maister alss fermly as ony uthir his lege, ande gif ze haif gottine na knewlege heireof, zour wisdome wait quhat ze haif ado.

Ande becauss I wes sa longe in ansureyng zour writeyng, I hed nocht spokine with my lordis quhilkis standis of gude mynde to serf the Kingis grace, as ze sall understand, will God, sone, ande for the common weill, ande to help to mak unite betuix this realme ande Yngland.

My Lord, veraly I dout nocht zour gude mynde towardt me, as I funde in all tymes bygayne sence I was acqnytit with zow, ande thankis zow gretly of zour gude consal bygayne, and also prayz zow of zour consal in tyme cummyne, and gif ther be ony sted plesir that I may do, I pray zow cha[rge] me ther to, as I sall be reddy to the same, will God, quhoy haif zow in his keypynge. Of Sanctandris, the xxvij dai of Januare.

Youris at command,

ERL OF ANGUS.

86. SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS, brother of the Earl of Angus, to SIR CHRISTOPHER DACRE, as to an interview. Coldstream, 31st January [1525].¹

WYRSCHIFFULL SER,—I recommend me to zow one my maist harty maner. It wyll pleiss zow to remember that my Lord of Anguys wrait oneto zow, certyfeinge zow that he suld meit zow at Caldstreme this Setterday bypast the xxviii day of Januare, and he mycht nocht cum fro greit besenes he hed ado, he causit me to cum to Caldstreme with his haill mynd, and I haif gottynge na word fra zow, of the quhilk I haif gret mervell, be causs I haif remanit iij dayis efter the said day that wess affixit, I may remane na langer for gret besenes that I haif in other partis; therfor I pray zow, gyf ze haif any wryttingis to my Lord of Anguys, or credence from the

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Kyngis grace of Ingland, that ze wyll send the said wryttingis with the credence to my Lade of Caldstreme, or to Doctor Magnus the Kyngis ambassatour of Ingland. My Lord of Anguiss thinkis gret mervell that he gettis nocht the Kyngis gracis ute mynd, becauss my Lord Dacris wrait oneto his lordschipe that ze had the Kyngis mynd to schaw oneto him, desyringe his lordschipe to gyf zow credence as to himself, therfor I pray zow that ze wald haist the wryttines to my Lord of Anguiss, and God haif zow in his kepyne. Wryttyne at Caldstreme, this Tysdy the last day of Januare,

Be zouris at powar,

GEORGE, MASTER OF ANGUSS.

To ane ryght wirshipfull knyght, Ser Crissell Dacris.

87. WILLIAM DOUGLAS, Prior of Coldingham, to CARDINAL WOLSEY, as to the Papal bulls in his favour. Edinburgh, 1st March [1525].¹

MY LORD, oneto zoure nobyle grace my sempyll service humlie I commend, plesit zoure lordschip to be ramembryt at my departyng, at [I] schewe oneto zou theuch- and my benifise of Coldinghame, the quihilk the Kingis grace and zoure lordschip schewe me at thaire sould be deligence doune to Roume in all gedlie haist, of the quihilk my broder George schewe me at it plesit zoure grace to schawe hymm at his departinge at ze had gottin ansure fra the Court of Roume, makynge mensione at the materis was sped anente the bullis cuming of Coldinghame in Scotland, or Crystmaesse last bypassit, and sene syne I hard ne word therof; tharefor I beseik zoure grace at I may have perfyt knawlaige thaire in quhat I ma lyppine to do, at I ma do thereafter for my part to advaisse makis to beleif at the bullis of Coldinghame ar speed for hymm, therfor I beseik zoure grace at ze wald declare me this douct, and at I mycht have zoure gracious ansure with the fyrist poist at cumis betuex, and to deliver thame to the embassatere, Maister Magnus, the quihilk wyll cauis thame to come to my hendis in all deligence, and gyf thaire be ony service at zoure grace wyll command me or ony of myne, [? our] alegeance saiffyt, we sall be redy at command. Nocht elx; bot the Haly Trinite have zoure nobyll grace in kepinge at zoure hartis desyre. At Edinburgh, the fyrist day of Merche.

Be zoure gracie humle servand at command,

WELZAME DOUGULOS OF COLDINGAME.

To my Lord Cardinallis gud grace in Ingland.

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

88. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to CARDINAL WOLSEY, that the Queen will in no way accept him. Edinburgh, 8th March [1525].¹

MY service beand recommendit in my maist laulie maner unto zoure grace, pleiss zoure grace to be remembrit that my lordis and I made ane writing to the Kingis hienes, of the quhilk writing we haif resavit the Kingis ansuere, thankand his nobill hienes of the gude mynde that he beris toward the Kingis grace oure souerane maister and his realme, and us that ar his subiectis, and also the Kingis hienes and zoure grace desirit me, at my parting, that I suld be ane gude servand to the Kingis grace my sourane lord, to help at my power for to put unyte, concorde, and pece betuix ther twa realmeis, and for to draw the grete menn of this realme fra the way of France, and fra the Duke of Albanyis cast. To thir foresaid poyntis I have done my utir diligence, baith with my persoun, freyndis and gudis, and nocht sparit for fere, nor displessour of na maner of persoun, bot aluterly regardand the weill of my souerane, and plessour of the Kingis hienes and zoure grace. I have drawyn the maist parte of the lordis of this realme to my cast, and that was nocht done without grete pane and travell, zoure grace beand remembrit that the Kingis hienes and ze causit me to mak ane band, that I suld nocht intromett with the Quenys gracis persoun, landis, nor gudis, unto the tym that his hienes mycht causs his ambassatouris to speke with the Quenys grace, to se gif scho wald be contentit, at the plessour of the King of Ingland, for to trete me as hir husband, and I agane to do hir grace plessour, stede, and service, according to hir estate and honoure, at the sicht of the King hir brother. I haif at all tymes offerit my service to hir grace, bot scho will onn na wise be contentit with me, bot perseveris ever mare in hir evill mynde contrary me and all that takis my way; tharefore I beseke the Kingis hienes and zoure grace, that ze wil be contentit that I may intromett with all thingis that pertenis to the Quene that I haif richt to, baithe of resoun and gude conscience, and gif nede beis that I may haif the Kingis help and zouris incontrare hir, and all that will tak hir parte, according to the Kingis promyss and zouris, for I have at my sympl power done the Kingis hienes and zoure grace the best . . . that I couth in thir partis, and sall persevere in the samyn. Ferthir I wrait boith to the Kingis hienes and to zoure grace for twa beneficis that war vakand in Scotland, the one callit the Bischoprik of Murray, the uthir callit the Abbacy of Melrose, and as zit I have nocht gottin na ansuere from the Kingis hienes

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

and zoure grace, gif ze haif gottin the promocioune fra Rome of ony of thai saidis beneficis to my brothir, nor [zit] haiff gottin na ansuere fra zoure grace anentis the the bullis of the Abbacy of Coldinghame, that zoure grace promyst to me when I was with zou my self. My hoill troist of all thir materis ar in to zoure grace. I beleif that I sal do swa in thir partis, that the King and ze sal nocht think it tynt . . . to me, I haif maid no diligence to the Popis holynes, becaus I belevit zoure grace wald remember parte apoune me. And as for tythingis in this realme I refer thame to the Kingis ambassatour, for I beleif he has writhin thame at lenth to zoure grace. I beseke zoure grace to tak so moch pane apoune . . . to recommend my sympill service to the Kingis moist noble hienes, and to the Quenys grace. Des[irand] zour gracis ansuere agane of all thir forsaide poyntis; and gif thare be ony service that I may do [to the] plessour of zoure grace in to this realme, charge me and I sal be reddy, as God knawis, quhay [preserve] zoure nobill grace at zour hartis desyre and plessour. Written at Edinburge, the viij day of . . . moneth of March, be

Zouris at command,

ERL OF ANGUS.

To my Lord Cardinalis grace of Ingland.

89. THE SAME to THE SAME, as to the Queen, vacant benefices, etc.

Edinburgh, 29th March [1525].¹

MY LORDE, in my maist hartely maner my service beand recommendit unto zoure grace with detfull reverence, I have ressavit zoure lettres, datit at Brydwel the xvij day of this instant Marche, and thankis zoure grace of zoure said hartelic wrytingis, gude and loving mynde toward me at all tymmez. And quhare zoure grace thankis me of my gude bering and havingis toward the King my soverane, for the wele of baith the realmmez, sence my last cummyng in Scotland, in that mater I refer me to the Kingis ambassiatoure, Maister Magnus, gif I have nocht done my ute power to bring all materis in this contre to ane gude and fynale resolucioune, in sa fer as lys in me, twiching all the poyntis and artikillis the Kingis hienes and zoure grace desirit me to fulfill at my departing. And quhare the Kingis hienes and zoure grace dessiris me, be zoure writing, to supersede the intrometting with the landis or gudis pertenyng to the Quenys grace, for ane

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

schort tyme, makand mencioune in the samyn writingsis that the Kingis grace has writtin scharplie unto hir at this tyme, beleiffing, eftir the sicht thareof, scho soll stand bettir myndit to me nor scho did of before; I am sory the Kingis hienes and zoure grace has tane sa meckle pane in that mater, and na thing cummyne til effect. As for me, I ever was and is reddy to use the Kingis and zoure gracis command and counsale in that mater and all utheris, myne alliggiance to my soverane anerly except; and besekis the Kingis hienes and zoure grace to be contentit that I intromett with the Quenys landis and gudis sa fer as I aucht of richt and gude conscience, and forthir I will nocht desyre. I made mencioune in my uthir wrytingis, lately send to zoure grace of before, off twa beneficis vakand in this realme, the bischoprik of Murray and abbacy of Melroiss, desiring the Kingis hienes and zoure grace, for the service and plessoure I mycht do the samyne, it wald have plesit zow to have lauborit for the promocioun therof at the Courte of Rome to my brother, other for one or boith, and I have gottin na ansuere quhat is done in that behalf, and besekis zoure grace it will like zow to advertiss me in write quhat ze have done theranent, and quhat I sall lippin to tharein. And forther, I wald be advertist gif zoure grace has gottin the bullis of Coldingame to my said brother, or gif thai may nocht be sped, that I may lauboure sum uther way for the help therof, for my hale traist is in the Kingis hienes and zouris of thir materis above writtin. And as for all tythingis in ther partis, I refer to the Kingis ambassiatour, Maister Magnus, quhilk I traist will write the samyne at lenthe to zoure grace. Over this, my Lord, I have avisit the said Maister Magnus to write unto zoure grace to causs the Kingis hienes, at his plessour, to send soim litill thingis for tokynnys to the King my maister, as hornys, bowis, arrowis, pursis, or uthir like plesuris, and that I may have the deliveray of thame, quhareby I traist to kepe his grace in bettir trane toward his said hienes than he has bene afore. And gif thare be ony service I may do to the Kingis hienes and zoure grace in thir partis, I am and sal be ay reddy to fulfill the samyne at the utermaist of my power, as knawis oure Lord God, quha have zoure grace in his happy tuitioun and governance. At Edinburgh, the xxix day of Marche.

Be zoure grac humyl servitoure,

ERL OF ANGUSS.

To my Lorde Cardinailis grace of Zork.

90. THE SAME to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, as to the Queen of Scots.

Edinburgh, 8th June [1525].¹

RICHT excellent, richt hie and mychty prince, in my maist humyll maner I commend my hartlie service to zoure grace, and thankis the samyn of zoure gracie favoure and tokennys gevin unto me, nocht only for that, bot al uthir grete rewardis and thankis done to me all uthir tymes, quhareapounie I sal be remembrit and do zoure grace pleseris and gude service, als I am addettit to do before all utheris nixt my soverane zoure nevo, the King of Scotland, as I sall, God willing, preif in dede during my naturall life. Pleiss zoure hienes, I have schewin my humyll sote and service to the Quenys grace zoure sister, how be it it is nocht accept, bot scho remanys in Striveling fra hir sonn the Kingis grace, and is rulit by me withe ane parciall, evill avisit consale, agauns the law of God and haly kirk; and, as God knawis, I have keptit my parte towart hir and utherwayis, as I promyst to zoure grace and to my Lord Cardinal, and ay abade at zoure and his commandment tharein, and sa sall continew. Richt sa the sovrance takin in Parliament betuix hir grace and me, quhill this last Witsonday, I have observit and keptit in all poynpis, and nocht intromettit with nother hir landis, malis, fermes, nor gudis in the meynytyme, as I traist Maister Magnus, zoure hienes ambassiatoure here present, canne testify; and gif thare be ony service or stede that I may do to the plessour of zoure hie grace, it sal be ay redy at command, at my power nixt my avne souerane, as knawis the eterne God, quhay, richt excellent, richt hie and mychty prince, conserve zoure hienes in gude and lang life. Writtin at Edinburgh, . . . viij day of Junii.

Be zour humyll servant,

ERLE OF ANGUSS.

To the richt excellent, richt hie and mychty prince the Kingis grace of Ingland.

91. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY, that the Queen continues to refuse his service. Edinburgh, 8th June [1525].²

MY LORDE, in my maist humyll and lauly maner I commend my hartlie service to zoure grace, quhilk pleiss uitt, I have wruttin to the Kingis hienes tuiching all materis, the copy of the quhilk pleiss zow to ressave, and consider, inclusit within

¹ Original in British Museum, London.² *Ibid.*

thir presentis ; beseking zoure grace it will pleiss zow to have my humyll service recommendit to the Kingis hienes, thanking the samyn of his gude and gracius favouris and tokynnys gevin to me, quhilk I knew is movit and procedis of zoure gracis favoure and gude reporte, praying zow sa to continew and persevere, quhome in my ferme traist is. And as for my parte and bering towardt the Quenys grace of Scotland, I have writtin at lenthe to the Kingis hienes in that behalf, as zoure grace may consider be the said copy thareof. I am sory the Kingis hienes and zoure grace has takin samekle pyne to have causit hir takin gude purpos and ways betuix hir grace and me, and scho dois nocht tharefore. I was and is reddy to use the King and zoure gracis command and counsale in that mater, and al utheris, myne allegiance to my souerane lorde except. Attoure I thank zoure grace of the grete laubouris and diligence done for my brother Williame anentis his promocioun to Coldinghamme ; and gif thare be ony service or stede I may do to the Kingis hienes and zoure grace in thir partis, I am and sal be reddy to fulfill the samyn at the uttirmaist of my power, as knawis the eterne God, quhay have zoure grace in his happy tuitioune and governance. At Edinburghe, the viij day of Junii.

Be zoure servitoure,

ERL OF ANGUSS.

To my Lorde Cardinallis grace of Zork.

92. THE SAME to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, that he had presented the King's gifts to King James the Fifth. Edinburgh, 23d August [1525].¹

MAIST excellent, maist hie, and maist potent prince, I commend my humyll service unto zoure hienes in my maist lauly maner, quhilk pleiss I have ressavit zoure hienes louabil lettrez send to me at this tyme, datit at zoure castell of Wyndessoure the last day of Julii bipast, and I, with zoure servitoure and ambassiatoure, Maister Thomas Magnus, has deliverit zoure honorabill giftis and remembrancis to my maister and souerane lorde, zoure nevo, richt convenient for his plessour, and disportis baith of hunting and halking, according to this present seson, quhilkis he has gladelie accept, and wele plesit thareof, and will use the samyn for zoure sailk, and giffis zoure hienes grete thankis tharefor, nocht onely for this, bot for sindry honorabble and substancial giftis gevin to him of before,

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

quibilk he beris in perfite memor, and thinkis him adettit to zoure grace above all uthir levand, as wele accordis him to do, considering the proximite and nerenes of blude he standis in to zoure hienes. And mareoure, zoure said ambassiatoure and I, one zoure behalf, joyntly has schewin unto my said souerane, that gif thare be ony uther thing quaharein zoure grace may knaw he takis delite, or solace of for his recreacioune and pastyme, gif it be in zoure realme, ze being advertist thareof, he sal nocth fale to have it, as I traist zoure said ambassiatoure has writtin to zoure hienes in this behalf at mare large ; and gif thare be ony service or plessour I may do in this cuntry to zoure hienes, it sal be ay reddy at my litill power, as knawis omnipotent God, quha, maist excellent, maist hie, and maist potent prince, mot have zow in his happy tuitioune and governance. Writtin at Edinburgh, the xxiiij day of August,

Be zoure humyl servand,

ARCHBALD, ERL OF ANGUSS.

To the maist excellent, maist hie, and maist potent prince, the Kingis grace of Ingland.

93. THE SAME to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, acknowledging the King's letters, and as to the peace. Edinburgh, 31st December [1525].¹

MAIST excellent, maist hie and mychty prince, my humyll service being laulie recommendit to zoure hie grace ; pleiss the samyn to knaw that the Lordis of my souerane lordis and maisteris Counsale, chosin in Parliament, of quham I am ane, has resavit zoure richt honorablie and lovabill lettrez deliverit be zoure traist servitoure and counsaloure, Maister Thomas Magnus, archdene of Est Rydene, datit at Wyndissore the vj day of December instant, quhareby thai weill persavis zoure hienes havand freyndfull and hartlye respect to the honoure of zoure derrest nevo, oure said souerane and maister, and kyndely lufe ze bere to him, postponyng all uther avantage and profitis ; persaving clerely als baith be zoure lettrez the honorablie credence and gude reporte made to the saidis lordis be zoure said familiare and counsaloure, that zoure hienes intendis always the honoure and suretye of zoure said derrest nevo, and to have perfite lufe, amyte, and kyndenes betuix zow, zoure realmmez and subgettis, as at mare large is expressit in zoure saidis lettrez. As for my parte, twiching the peax, I have done exact diligence be my solicitacioune at al my lordis, to bring the samyn to gude and fynale conclusioun.

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

to zoure hienes plesere and desire at my power, howbeit that thare is sindry unfreyndis and evill willaris in this cuntry discontentit thareof and of the hartelie aggreams betuix zoure hienes and zoure said nevo oure maister, that ay procuris and solistis at thare poweris to mak divisioune and brek the cuntry. And mareloure, the saidis lordis and I, with consent of zoure said familiare and counsaloure, has devisit and ordanit dais of convencioune and meting with zoure wardanis one that side, for making of dew redres for my said souerany's parte, quhilk has nocht bene sa wele performyt throw emenent besynes and impedimentis that occurrit for the tyme, as resounre requyris; bot with help of God, at the next dais of trevis I sal be in proper persoune, and sall mak sic redres as lys in the utermaist of my powere, that apoune resounre falt sall nocht be fundyn in me in that behalf; and gif ony my unfreyndis has or wald mak ony sinister reporte or informacioune of me to zoure hienes, that it will like the samyn to gif na faith nor credence thareto, quhill ze knew my parte and understand the verite, for my minde sal never be to faill to zoure gracie hienes, nor is nocht my parte to . . . bot to kepe zow lawtye and service before all utheris under God, my said souerane except, considering the grete gentrice and humanite done to me by zoure excellencie, sindry wais, quhilk I sall bere in recent memor to my lyvis end. Maist excellent, maist hie and mychty prince, the blissit Trinitie mot have zoure hienes in his gracie keping and governance. Writtin at Edinburgh, the last day of the said instant December,

Be zoure humyl servand,

ARCHEBALD ERL OF ANGUSS.

To the maist excellent, maist hie and mychty prince, the Kingis hienes of Ingland.

94. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY, promising to keep better order on the Borders. Edinburgh, 31st December [1525].¹

MY LORDE, my humyll service being laulie recommendit to zoure grace, it will pleiss the samyn to be advertist that I have resavit zoure lettrez fra Maister Thomas Magnus, dene of Est Rydene, familiare and counsaloure to the Kingis hienes of Ingland, quhareby I persave zoure grace in a parte discontentit with me, for nou redres and dew reformacioune for my soverane lordis parte, of all attemp-

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

tatis done apoune the Inglis bordouris agains the nature of peax be Scottis menne under my wardanery.

My Lorde, plesit zoure grace understand that this tyme past, for emanent besynes I had ado toward the Kingis grace my maister, and uther impedimentis, I mycht nocht pas myself to the bordouris for reformacioun and making of dew redress, as my will was, and as resoun requyris, as in a parte I traist the said Maister Thomas kennys; quharefore I humely beseke zoure grace to hald me excusit at this tyme. And now, for reformacioun and redres of sic attemptatis, the lordis of the King my maisteris secrete counsale, with consent of the said Maister Thomas Magnus, has ordanit and devisit me to mete and convene with the wardanis of the bordouris of Ingland fornentis the Merss and Tevidale within Scotland, for making and taking of dew redres one athir syde, quhill I sall kepe, God willing, in propir persoun, and do that lyis in the uttermaist of my power for redres for my said soveranys parte, sa that apoune resoun the falt sall nocht be fundyn in me in that behalf. I have writtin at mare lenthe in this and uther materis tuiching the peax to the Kingis hienes of Ingland, as zoure grace will persave be the samyn, besekand zoure grace to stand my gude and gracius lorde, as ze have done all uthir tymmez, and beleve wele I sall kepe my lautie and service to the Kingis hienes of Ingland and to zoure grace enduring my naturall life, next my sade soverane lorde and maister of Scotland, as knawis the blissit Lorde, quha have zoure grace in his gracius keping and governance. Writtin at Edinburgh, the last day of December,

Be zoure servand,

ARCHBALD ERL OF ANGUSS.

To my Lorde Cardinalis grace of Zork.

95. THE EARLS OF ANGUS, ARGYLL, AND LENNOX, to the EARL OF WEST-MORLAND. Affairs in Scotland. Edinburgh, 10th January [1526].¹
Old copy.

MY LORDE, oure traist and welebelovit couising, we commende ws hartelie to zow, and has sene zour writing desiring to knaw gif this next diet appoyntit apoune the bordouris sall surelie halde or nocht.

My Lorde, sua it is that thare is certeine evill myndit persounes, seying that the peax sall pas to a fynale conclusioun betuix thir twa princis oure

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

masteris, and tharthrow justice apperandly sall have place aganis thare aulde and ingenerit myscbevis and rebelliounis, has persuadit gretar personage thane thare selffis to mak convocaciounis, and unleful conventikillis and counsallis, tending, gif it war in thare power, to mak impediment to the redres and all other gude materis occurrande, alswele in putting of gude ordoure within this realme as in keping of lufe, amyte, and kyndenes betuix oure said soverains. Assuring zow, my Lorde, that rather sall we lois our livis thane thay persounis cum to thare unhappy purpos; and with helpe of Gode and gude assistaunce of zoure soverane, ether bring thame to obedience schortlie, or ellis to confusione. And of the rumour and fame of this mater this berare has herde, bot the verray treuth hereof oure gude freynd Maister Thomas Magnus, quhais knawis oure myndis as oure selffis, will schawe zoure lordship at lenthe. Praying zow, my Lorde, considering oure purpos is fermly set for the wele and plesur of baith the princis and thare realmes, that ye remove nocht of the bordouris, quhil ze here forther of oure besynes here, sua that ze and otheris of zour soveranis counsale being thare may be reddy to all thingis that beis for the plesur of zoure prince. And Gode have zour lordschip in keping. Off Edinburghe, the x day of Januare.

96. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to MR. THOMAS MAGNUS, the English Ambassador, as to a march against the Queen's party at Linlithgow, etc. Edinburgh, 20th January [1526].¹

RICHT HONOURABLE SIR, in my maist hartlie wise I commend me unto zow, quham pleiss witt thare has bene sindry dietis appoyntit for redres one athir side the bordouris of baith the realmez, as zit unkepit, quhilk is to me na littill displessour and grevance, as knawis God and all my Lordis here, albeit the falt is nocht in thame nor me, bot is stoppit tharefra for certane resonable causis and grete besynes now occureing in this realme, oure maister and soverane being of minorite, nocht as zit put to gude ordoure. And now my Lordis of my maister the Kingis Consale ar avising with all thare besynes to have schortlie sic provisioune that in tyme . . . it sall nocht nedie the twa princis nor thare counsalis to be occupiit or movit tharewith, as at mare la[nth] the saidis Lordis has writtin to zow at this tyme. Praying zow that suppois it be to zow pane and la[ubour] quhilk ze have had diversse tymnez, for the lufe ze bere to baithe the realmes, for the pece and perf . . . lufe and cherite betuix baith the princis, ze will excuse me to my gude

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Lord of Westmureland, and uth[eris] the wardanis, to have pacience for xv days, as my Lordis has requeistit zow, and thane, or sonare . . . I sall advertiss zow dietis salbe kepit, God willing, for dew redress. As for tithingis here sene soure departing, the Kingis hienes my maister, my Lordis of Ergile, Levenax, and I, being with him, departit of Edinburgh this last Wedinsday with mony nobble menn, to the noumer of vij thousand men one fute and hors, or thareby, on xij houris warnyng, towrt the toune of Lithqw, for the resisting of my soveranis conspiratoris aganis his autorite, thare being in the said toune, that is to say, the Erles of Arane, Eglingtoune, and Ca[ssilis ?], the Lord Ross, the Lord Sympill, the Lord Avandale, the Lord Hume, the Abbot of Jedworthe, the Maister . . . , the Lard of Farnyhirst, and diverss utheris, quhilkis or the King and we come to Lithqw, be Loure . . . war warnyt of oure cummyng, and incontinent therrefir dislughit thare self, fled, and left the tou[ne], quhare we lugit that nycht, and sone eftir thare departing, the Quene, and with hir the Erle of [Murray], the Bischop of Ross, and sindry utheris northland menne, war cummand fra Striveling to Lithqw, nocht knew[ing] of the King my maister and oure cummyng, traisting to have fundyne before hir the Erlle of Arane and the saidis utheris persounes his complices, met thame be the way, eftir thai fled, and [thai] exponit to hir and hir cump[any] the maner, and causit hir and thame to returne agane, and pas to Hammyltoune, as thai did. And the said Erle of Murray and the northland menn being with him, seing that thai mycht nocht mak thare pa . . . and the Erle of Arane had made wrang informacioune to the Quene and him, left them and come to the King to Lithqw that nycht, and was resavit be me a myle outwith the toune, and the lardis and gentilmenn with him come all to me and offerit thare service; and now the said Erle and thai ar here in Edinburgh with the Kingis grace, and will nocht leif him. As for the Quenys grace, thare salbe na falt fundin in me, bot we sall agre schortly, as salbe understandin to the Kingis hienes hir sonn, all my lordis here, and to zow that kennys hir parte and myne, als wele as oure self, and prayz zow have me [recom]mendit to my said Lord of Westmureland. And the blissit Trinitie have zow in his happy tuitione. At Edinburgh, the xxth day of Januare, and subscrivit with my hand.

Zour luffing frend,

ERL OF ANGUSS.

To ane richt honorabell mann and his welebelovit maister Thomas Magnus,
Archidene of Est Rydene, counsaloure to the Kingis grace of Inglaunder.

97. THE SAME to THE SAME, excusing himself from attending on the day fixed for meeting the English Wardens. Edinburgh, 15th March [1526].¹

MY LORD AMBASSIATOUR, in my maste hartlie maner I commend me to zoure lordship, quhill pleiss uit I ressavit zour writingis last send to me the xiiiij day of this instant monthe, makand mentioune, that the Lordis of my mastir the Kingis Counsale wrait to zou that I suld haif wrettin and advertist my Lord the Erle of Westmourland of the day and place to have beene kepit for meting at the day trew.

My Lord, verraly there is sindry causis resounable occurring heire, sence I wrait to zou befor withe the messingere, that I micht nocht kepe the day appoynit therfor, nor advertist my said Lord of Westmourland of the place. First, ze sall understand ther is novellis and wrytingis laitly cumin furthe of France fra the Duk of Albany to certane Lordis of this cuntry, as I beleif, his welewillaris, quharthrow sence syne thai grow the mair hie and wantoune. Secoundlie, certane bordoraris that suld haif enterit plegis for making of dew redres hering thir said novellis, and departit witheout licence, and enterit na plegis in purposs to stop redres, quhilk, God willing, it sall nocht ly in ther power. Thridly, as the caiss standis, I dar nocht aventure to depart fra the keping of the Kingis persone for danger that may appeir, for all the Lordis ar departit of toune, and nane uther Lordis remanyng with his grace as now, bot my Lordis of Glasgw, Levyernoxt, and I. And as I beleif the Kingis grace of Ingland nor ze suld be contentit that I depart fra the keping of my said soveranis persone in this tyme of necessite, sik parrell appering and brekis throw thir lait novellis. Herefor I beseik zoure lordship effectuously to have consideracioun and pacience of me at this tyme, that wrytis to zow the verite, and to haif me excusit to my said Lord of Westmourland, for the caussis forsaid, that I micht nocht kepe the day trew afoire appoynit, nor advertist him of the place of meting, quhill efterwartz that thir materis may be better adressit and put to ordour; for I assure zow, hereeffter with help of God, I sall do my diligence, at the uttermastir of my power, that redres and gud reull sall be kepit one the bordoris for this syde, and that the falt sall nocht be fund in me, as sall be knawin to the Kingis grace of Ingland, and to all his realme. I neid nocht to writ at this tyme to my said Lord of Westmourland, for I wait ze will advertist him of this my mynde in every behalf, to quhom

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I pray you command me, and the blisit Lord haif zoure lordship in his gracious keping. Off Edinburghe, the xv day of Marche, and subscrivit with my hand.

Zour luffyngh frend,

ERL OF ANGUSS.

To my Lord Ambassiatour to the Kingis grace of Ingland.

98. MR. THOMAS MAGNUS, the English Ambassador, to ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, as to the latter's failure to keep his appointment with the Earl of Westmoreland. Berwick, 18th March [1526]. Old copy.¹

RIGHTE honourable and myne ounre good Lorde, after due recommendacioun unto your goode lordeshippe, ye shall understande I have received your letter, dated at Edinburghe the xvth day of this instaunte monethe, the contynue wherof I conceive all at large comprised thre articles, excusing that ye kepe not the day of truc as was appointed by youe afore my Lorde Chaunceler and other the Lordes of the King your maisters mooste honourable Counsaill, the xxth day of this said monethe, and confermed by sondery thaire letteres, and by oone of your ounre to me addressed in that behalve.

For the furste article your lordeshippe alleggethe novelles and writtingis lately commene frome oute of Fraunce frome the Duke of Albeny to certaine lordes, wherby, as your said lordeshippe alleggethe, they growe moore hige and wantoune.

As touching the seconde, ye affirme that certaine persons that shulde have entred for making of due redresse, hering the said novelles, departed withoute licence, and entred noe pledgis, purpoosing therby to stoppe the said redresse.

And for the thirde, that your said lordeshippe darre not departe frome the keping of the Kinggis person for daungeir that may chaunce, all the Lordes for the mooste parte being departed frome the courte into thair ounre contreys.

My Lorde, considering howe many days of truc for making redresse have bene appointed and noone of thayme perfformed nor folowed with effecte, though your lordeshippe, for the causes afore said, couthe not observe nor kepe the said xxth daye, yet ye mought have ordeyned your levetenants or deputis to have kept the same, wherbye some good shulde have enswed to the better provocacoun of redresse one booth the partis. As farre as I conceive by reapoorte of the bordourers, it is not possible these twoe contreys shalbe well ordoured, specially at this tyme whenne soe many grete matiers be in questione, oncles your lordeshippe, in your

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oune person, zour levetenauntis or deputis, be contynnally caryng, exercising, and using thaymselves for directing of causes upone the bordours, oons withynne xiij dayes, wherfore sory I ame your saide lordeship applie the noone otherwise these matiers in travers betwene these twoe realmes for redresse.

Acertaynnyng your lordeshipe that here hathe bene th'abbot of Kelsoe for enterchaunging of the confirmacouns and ratificacouns by booth the princis of the late peaxe concluded, shewing openly afore alle mene that he wolde lay ynne sufficiente pledgis to aunswer for all redresse that couthe or moghute be required or demaunded by any Englishe mane of any of his name within Tevidaill, and offerde hym self to lye for the same cause. And this hathe required me to accertaine the King my maister and the Counsaill of Scotland.

My Lorde, I have spokene and writtene unto your lordeshipe soe ofte and many tymes in this matier, that in good faith I knowe not further howe to move youe therbynne. Nevertheles, for your oun honour, and specially for the weall and surety of your soveraine lorde, conioynnyng and contynuyng of these twoe realmes in good love, favour, and perfite amyte, and the subiectis of the same to be in good reste and quietenes, I truste your lordeshipe woll applye youe better thenne ye have doone for keping dayes of truc, and making of due redresse, for withoute the same litle or noe thing the peaxe shall prouifite.

I intende in breve tyme to be going southwards. And at my reparing to the Kinggis highenes my soveraine lorde, and to my lorde legatis grace, I ame sure thay booth woll thenke that long afore this tyme due redresse is made, or in good towardenes by your meanes, th'effeete of sondery your letteres considered, that have paste youe for that purpos.

The well and perfite pondering of all the premisses, specially in conclusioun, for your oun weall and surety, I committe to zour good wisdome and discrecoune, and in case it chaunce the Duke of Albeny to arive in Scottelande, I ame sure the Kinggis highenes my maister trusteth verailly your lordeshipe, the Erles of Argile and Lenneuxe, with other your frendis, woll see surely for keping and preserving of the King your maister's persone. And if any nede be for the same, yf ye thre calle for assistance ye canne not faill therof with all sped and diligence. Myn oppynnyone is, if the said Duke come into Scottelande, it is rather for drede of the Frenshe Kinggis reparing hoome thenne for any other cause, and therfore his commyng is myche the lesse to be doubted. And thus Almightye God have youe, myn oun good Lorde, in his preservacoune. At Barwik, the xvijth day of Marche.

99. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to CARDINAL WOLSEY. Attempt
to rescue King James the Fifth. Edinburgh, 16th September [1526].¹

MAIST reverend fader in God, I commend my humyll and laulie service unto your grace, quhilk plesit to be advertist that aftir the departing of Clarenschawis Heralde, the Kingis grace my maister was at the Myd Marchis of his realme, for stanching of mysdouris, to have put gude reule in the cuntre for the wele of baith the realmes, and in his returnyng hamewart agane to Edinburge the gate was umbesett at Melros be the Erle of Levenax and uthir grete mene, evil avisit persounis his complicis, to the nowmer of ij^m men, tending to have takin the King my maister be force, and to have distroyt me and my freyndis, gif it had bene in thare power, as God forbede. I being with the Kingis grace, nocht excedand the nowmer of ij^c men for the tyme, thankit be God, it fortunyt uthirwais na thay devisit. And sone thareeftir thay perseverand in thare cruelle, convenient at Striveling with a grete army and convocacioun of the Kingis untrew liegis, be assistance and cruel counsale of the Archbischoppis of Sanctandrew and Glasgw, the Bischoppis of Dunblane and Orkney, the Erles of Levenax, Crawfurde, Cassillis the Lordis Lyndesay, Ross, Sympill, Lyle, and Avandale, and divers utheris prelatis and baronis, removit of Striveling to Linlithgw, the thrid day of this instant September, in purpois to have cummyn forthwart toward Edinburge, for the completing of thare cruell enterprise, and to have takin the King as of before. And my Lord th' Erle of Arane and I being surelie advertist of thare cummyng, we and oure freyndis met thame nere by Lithgw, quhare we and thay assemblit, and it fortunyt sa, throw Goddis help, we gart thame fail of thare perverst purpois and put thame abak. Gif ony skaith was done thame it was in thare aune falt and unhappy persute, as all the cuntre kennys. And now, aftir grete trubill and divers insurreccioniis that has bene in Scotland in tyme past, in the King my maisteris minorite, with Goddis helpe, diligence salbe done that gude reule for the rest and quyet of the cuntre salbe done in tyme tocum, to the plesur of his grace and zoure soverane. I have writin all thir novellis to the Kingis hienes zoure maister at large; praying zoure grace to stand my gude Lorde as ze have done in all tymmes bepast, sein my maist confidence and trust is in zoure said soverane and zoure grace before all princis leving, my aune soverane and maister anerly except. And gif thare be ony service I may do to zoure plesur, it salbe

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ay reddy at command at my power, as knawis oure Lorde Gode, quha have zoure grace in his happy tuicioune. Writtin at Edinburge, the xvij day of September,

Your servaund,

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

To the maist reverend fader in God my Lorde Cardinale of York, grete chancellar and legate of Ingland, etc.

100. THE SAME to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, as to matters in Scotland, and promising fidelity. Edinburgh, 28th October [1526].¹

MAIST excellent, maist hie and potent prince, my humble and lauly service being recommendit to zoure hienes, quhilk pleis to be advertist with detful reverence. I have ressavit zour hienes hartlie and lovable lettres fra Williame Hathringtounе zoure servaund the xx^{ti} day of this instant October, datit at zoure maner of Amptill the last day of September, makand mencioune, how it is cummyn to zour hienes knaulege, to zoure grete gladenes, of the congres and late meting of certaine lordis, and utheris of the realme of Scotland, that be force attempted divers thingis be way of commocioun, sounding to the dangere of zoure nephieu, my soverane and maister, and to the grete inquietacioune and disturbance to the gude ordoure of his realme, and of divers utheris poynjis at large expressit in zoure saidis lettres, quhareby I understand zoure gude and gracious mynde ze bere to my said soverane, to his grete honoure and weill of his realme, and thareto has graciislie, in maist humane and curtas maner, ekit my singuler commendacioune. Thanking zoure excellence thareof, and of zoure requisicioune, gude and gracius counsale, ze have schewin in zoure saidis lettres send to me at this tyme, and thinkis my power and lauchfull service gretely addetit tharefore unto zoure hie maeste, thanking God zoure grace is sa contentit of my service, and sall, God willing, with helpe of my Lorde of Arane and utheris my soveranis trewe barounis and liegis, at oure poweris fulfill and observe zoure hienes counsale and requisicioune, for the honoure of oure saide soverane, furtheputting of justice, surete, and gyding of his nobill persounе, to the weill and quyet of his realme and liegis, as sal with Goddis grace appere in dede. Mareoure, it will like zoure grace to knawe that my said Lorde of Arane and I, with oure freyndis, has takin grete pane, laubour, and travell, baith in resisting of oure said soverane zoure nephieu's conspiratouris

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and oure unfreyndis sett, for transporting of his persone divers tymes and oure distrucciounis, and has made sumptuous coistis and expensis at divers feildis and jornaies, and in keping of our said maisteris houssis, castellis, and strenthis, furnist with menn, victale, and artilre, as the cuntry kennys, quhilk we dred and zit dredis, gif we tuke nocht cure thareon suld be takin and betrasit be mene and subtell ways of the Duke of Albany and his assistaris in this cuntry, and it ly in thare power or slicht, quhilk we with helpe and support of zoure grace sal, God willing, resist. And gif thare be eny service or stede I may do to the plesur of zoure hye maieste, it sall be ay redy at the uttirmaist of my sobir power. As I am dettit thareto before all utheris leving, my said soverane zoure nephieu anerly except, as knawis oure Lord God, quhay, maist excellent, maist hie and potent Prince, have zoure excellence in his graciis and happy tuicioune and governans, with prosperite and mony gude dais. Writtin at Edinburghe, the xxvij day of October,

Be zour hienes humyl servand,

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

To the maist excellent, maist hie and potent prince, the Kingis grace of Ingland, etc.

101. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY, thanking the latter for his good-will.

Edinburgh, 28th October [1526].¹

MAIST reverend fader in God, and my gude lorde, in my maist humble and louly maner I commend my hartlie service to zoure grace, quhilk pleis witt that I have ressavist zoure hartlie and [lov]able lettres send to me at this tyme with Patrik Sinclare, datit at zoure maner of More the ferde day of September last bipast, and at gude lasere understand the samyne with the credence gevin be zoure grace unto the said Patrik, quhareby I knew, and as wele apperis be zoure gude counsale and requisicioune mencionate in zoure lettres, the living gude mynde and respect ze have to my soverane and maisteris honoure, weiffare and gyding of his persone, and to the commun weill of his realme and legis; quharefore his hienes and counsale has grete caus to gif zoure grace grete thankis and loving tharefore, and Imekill mare addettit to zoure grace that has laulyit zoure self to gif me sa substancius counsale for the governans and gyding of my said soveranys noble persone, quhilk counsale and command, with Goddis grace and with help of

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utheris Lordis of my maisteris weill avisit Counsale, I sall use at the uttirmaist of my power, as the Kingis hienes zoure soverane, and zoure grace will hereeffir knawe, sa that the falt sall nocht be fundyne in me. And quhare it is mencionate in the begynnyng of zoure saidis lettres that the said Patrik Synclare was send to the Kingis hienes and zoure grace, fra the King his nephieu my maister, with lettres and instrucciounis, I assure zoure grace I nor my Lorde of Arane, nor zit name of his weill avisit Counsale, knew of his passage, lettres, nor instrucciounis, bot was direct be utheris private personis, oure unwitting, as I traist the said Patrik will nocht deny. And as twiching the writingis, artikillis, and credence brocht here to the Kingis hienes my maister be the said Patrik, thay salbe avisit be the Kingis hienes and his Counsale now at thare convencioune and meting, at his nixt Parliament, to begyne the xij day of November nixt tocum, and thareeffir sall send thare ansuere and lettres thareapoune, with a familiare of my said soveranis to the Kingis hienes and zoure grace, with ansuere accordingly to every poynt and artikill. And gif thare be ony service or plesur that lyes in my power in thir partis, it salbe ay reddy of the ald maner at zoure gracis command, as knowis the blissit Trinitie, quhay have zoure grace in his happy tuicioune and governance, with gude heill and mony lang dais. Writtin at Edinburghhe, the xxvij day of October,

Be zour grace servand,

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

To a maist reverend fader in God, and my gude lorde, my Lord Cardinal of Zork, grete Chancellor and Legate of Ingland, etc.

102. THE SAME to the EARL OF NORTHUMBERLAND, as to a meeting for redress of matters on the Borders. Edinburgh, 30th March [1527].¹

MY LORD, in my best maner I commend me unto zour lordschip. Certifying the sammyn, I ressavit zour writingis fra this berar zour servitour, quha had utheris lettres to the Kingis hienes my soverane fra the Kingis grace his derrest uncle; and becaus at the cuming of zour said servand my soverane was in the northe partis of his realme, and maist extreme fra the southe bordour, the answer was sa lang delayit quhill his grace returnit; bot incontinent tharefter I haistit the sammyn, and send it presently to zour lordschip to be directit as ze pleis best, and quhen evir zour lordschip ma be lasarit, I salbe reddy to meit zow one the bordouris for makin of dew redres of all attemptatis. Praying zour lordschip

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that I ma have the conterpayn, and caus gude reule to be kept one that syd, siclyk as I sall do one this. And quhare zour lordschip desyris me to cum to Berwyk or Northame, my Lord, as vs and consuetud has bene evir one the Marchis, I am and salbe contentit to meit; and utheris wayis I traist ze will desyre na new innovacionis nor inconvenientis. And God preserve zour lordschip eternaly. Writt at Edinbught, the penault day of Marche.

Zours,

AR^D. Chancellar.

To my Lord Erle of Northumbre, etc.

103. THE SAME to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, as to Sir William Lisle, and other matters. Holyrood House, 10th August [1527].¹

RICHT excellent, richt hie, and richt mychty prince, in my maist lauly maner I recommend my humill and hertlie service vnto zour gud grace. Emplexis the sammyn, I ressavit zour full, honorable, tender, and richt lovable letteris, gevin under zour signet at zour Castell of Windesore, the vijth day of July last bepast, purporting and bering in effect the attemptat and cryme committit be Schir Williame Lisle, his sone and complices, in brekin zour hienes prisone of Newcastell one the ryver of Tyne, and of thair resort in this realme; desyring me caus serce and seik the saidis trespassouris (and giff thai ma be apprehendit) convoye thame to zour nerrest approchane officiaris, lyk as mair at large is specifyt in zour hienes saidis writingis.

Richt excellent, richt hie, and richt mychty prince, to certify zour celsitude the Kingis grace, zour moist deir nephew my soverane, incontinent efter the resait of zour letteris directit unto his grace, callit me and Lord Maxwell, his wardanis, accusand ws richt asperlie, and mervelling nocth litill we suld suffir resset, ayde or supple, be given to the transgressouris of the lawis of zour maieste his most dere uncle, considering the neirnes of blud, carnaill effectioun, mutual kyndnes, and consideracioun standing betuix his moist dere uncle and his hienes; and attour all that incontrarie the virewe of the trewis takin betuix the two realmes. Quharthrow I was movit mak hasty inquisicioun of the saidis rebellis, and couthe get na knowlege of thare habitude [ha]nting nor reparé within the bondis of myn office. Bot alsone as I ma be surelie certifyt in quhat part thai declyne or ma be apprehendit, I [sal] nothir spare cost, travell, nor danger of body to tak thare

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personis, deliver thaim to zour officiaris, conforme to zour grace desyris. N . . .¹
 my s . . . t charge I have of zour moist dere nephew my soverane thareonto, bot
 also for the greit kyndnes, gud report, and speciaill favouris zour hienes has done
 and daly dois randir unto my simpilnes (my merit is nocht sua deserving), that I
 hold myself addettit, bond and thrall, to accompleis zour grace in this and every
 behalve abouff all uther Cristin prince, zour moist dere nephew my soverane and
 maister allanerlie exceptit.

Richt excellent, richt hie, and richt mychty prince, I beseik the holy Trinitie
 preserve zour hienes in langlyff, gud heithe and prosperite, eftir zour moist noble
 hartis desyre. Writtin at the Kyngis Palice of Halyrudhous, besydis Edinburght,
 the x day of August instant, 1527.

Zour grace humill servitour,

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

To the richt excellent, richt hie, and richt mychty prince the Kingis grace of
 Eingland.

104. THE SAME to THE SAME, further as to the apprehension of Sir William
 Lisle and others. Holyrood House, 2d November 1527.²

RICHT excellent, richt hie, and rycht mighty prince, in my maist lawly maner I
 recommend my humyll service unto zour celsitude, and for samekle as the
 samin hes directit divers lettres unto the Kingis hienes zour derrest newo
 my soverane, and to my simpilnes, for the apprehensioun of Schir William Lisle,
 sone and complices, rebellis to zour maieste. And as zit zour princely peticioun
 nocht fulfillit, howbeit the Kingis hienes my soverane standis of verray gude will
 and mynd thareonto, and has causit strait proclamationis be maide attour all the
 partis of his bordouris for the taking or slaying of the saidis misdearis, and hes
 promisit gret guerdoune and reward tharefor in sembable maner as my Lord Duk
 of Richemondis grace causit proclame on that syd. And as for myself, I sall laubour
 and do diligence nycht and day to accompleis zour hienes [desyre], nocht anerlie
 in that behalf bot alsua in all utheris materis, as I am gretilie adettit to do that
 thing mycht be plesand onto zour maieste, maist humilie beseiking the samyn
 to pardoune my sympilnes and have patience quhill that mater may be brocht to
 gude purpos, and at it wald pleis zour hienes caus scharp wache and spiell to be
 execute apoune the saidis rebellis on that parte as salbe done heire. And I traist

¹ Original decayed here.

² Original in Public Record Office, London.

in God within breif tyme all sall cum to gode pase, conforme to zour maist noble hartis desire. And in verite I sall never be at rest nor quiet in my mynd, nocht sparand pane, trawell, nor expensis onto the tyme zour celsitude be satisfyit in the premissis. Rycht excellent, rycht hie, and rycht michtie prince, I pray the blissit Trinite to preserve zour maist noble persone in honour and prosperite. Writin at the King my soveranis Palace of Halyrudhous beside Edinburghe, the secund day of November 1527.

Zour grace humill servitour, etc., AR^D. Chancellor.

To the richt excellent, richt hie, and richt mychty prince, the Kingis hienes of Eingland, etc.

105. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY, as to the apprehension of Sir William Lisle, etc. Edinburgh, 2d November 1527.¹

MY LORD, in my maist hartlie maner I commend my service unto zour grace, and hes hard of zour arryvall and returnyng towartis the realme of Ingland, and of zour prosperite in zour vagaye in the partis bezond, of the quhilk I am rycht glaid and joyouss, and thocht rycht lang to heir of zoure weiffaire. Alsua emplesit zour grace the Kingis hienes zour soverane hes writin to the King his derrest nevo my maister, for the apprehensioun of Sir Willame Lisle, his sone and complicis, rebellis and fugityvis of that realme, to the quhilkis desyris the Kingis hienes my soverane is of verray gud will and mynd, and hes causit strait proclamacions be maid on his bordouris, and promisit gret rewardis to ony persone that will outhar tak or sla the saidis malefactouris. And howbeit I laubour diligentlie nycht and day to accomleiss the Kingis hienes zour soverane, and haldis the saidis mysdoaris out of ony rowmys committit to me in cure, zit nevertheless I can nocht cum sa hastily to my purposs as I wald; bot I assure zour grace I sall never be at rest nor quiet in mynd quhill onto the tyme I do the Kingis hienes zour soverane and zour grace plessour in that behalf, as I am addettit to do, quhilk is nocht onknawin to zour grace. Nocht anerly in that, bot all utheris effaris concernyng his maieste and zour grace. Praying the samyn to have my laulye service recommendit unto his maieste and zour gud grace, quhame God conserve eternaly. Writtin at Edinburght, the secunde day of November 1527.

Zour gracie with lauchfull service,

AR^D. Chancellor.

To my Lord Cardinalis grace of Zork.

¹ Original in the British Museum, London.

106. THE SAME to THE SAME, petitioning for redress on behalf of certain
Scots merchants. Edinburgh, 27th November [1527].¹

MAIST reuerend fader in God, in my maist humble maneir I commend my hertlie
and levefull seruice to zoure grace, quhilk pleis vnderstant how Dauid Falconare,
induellar in the towne of Leith be the space of twa zeris last bipast, sald in this
realme to Robert Bewmond, Inglisman, ane schip chargit with salt, for the sowme
of lxxij merkis sterling, and becom souerte for Williame Brighame for ane vther
schip siclik chargeit with salt, bocht fra Scottismen for ane hundreth and thre
merkis sterling, and als causit the said Robert Bewmond and Williame Bird
deliuer to ane Master Hallis, in his name, xlviij fl. xiij s. iiiij^{or} d. sterling, quhilikis
sovmes thai withhald, and will mak na pament therof to the said Dauid, howbeit
he hes wrtit diuorse tymes to thame tharefor, contrare thare bandis and obllissing.
Quaherfor I pray zour grace ryght effectusly to caus the said Dauid, or his pro-
curatouris in his name, haue justice with expeditiou, and the persons forsaidis
constrinzeit to payment of the saidis sovmez, according to thare bandis and
ressoun, and the erare for this my request, as my traist is in zour grace, quhilk
will perdone my hamly supplicacion; and quhat stede or seruice I can or may do
to the plesour and seruice of zour grace is reddy at all tymes, as knawis God,
quhilk, maist reuerend, conserue zour grace eternaly. Written at Edinburgh, the
xxvij day of November.

Be zour gracie seruand,

AR^D ERL OF ANGUSS.

To my Lord Cardinalis grace of Zork, grete chancellare and legate of
Ingland, etc.

107. THE SAME to THE SAME, on behalf of Alexander Kay, a Scotch
merchant. Edinburgh, 22d December [1527].²

MAIST reuerend fader in God, in my maist humyll maner I commend my lauly
seruice vnto zoure grace, quhilk pleis to be aduertist that my maister the Kingis
lienes and his derrest moder the Quene has wrtitn thare effectuous lettrez at this
tyme to the Kingis excellencie zoure souerane, be direccion of his familiar servand
and thesaurare, Archibald Douglas my vncle, for licence to Alexander Kay, his
liege man, to by all maner of granes and vittalis in the realme of Ingland,
bringing and furing of the samyne in the realme of Scotland be Inglismen,

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

² *Ibid.*

marineris and skipparis, as at mare large is expressit in the saidis lettrez of supplicatioun, praying zoure grace it will like the samyne the erare for this my reueist and seruice, to solist the Kingis hienes zoure souerane to the effect abonewrittin, to grant his licence to the said Alexander Kay, with licence to his liegis to sell the saidis vitallis to the said Alexander, and to his skipparis and marineris saufie and surelie to fure the samyne in this realme without serch or arreist; and gif thare be ony seruice I may do in thir partis to zoure grace, it salbe ay reddy at my littill power, as I am addettit, as knawis our Lorde God, quhay, maist reuerend fader, haue zoure grace in his eternale tuitiouen. Off Edinburgh, the xxij day of December,

Be zour gracie seruitour,

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUSS.

To the maist reuerend fader in God, my Lord Cardinalis grace of Zork, grete Chancellare and legate of Ingland.

108. THE SAME to THE SAME, expressing friendly feeling towards England.
Holyrood House, 29th December 1527.¹

MY LORD, in my maist hertly maner I recommend my service unto zour grace. Emplesit the sammyn I ressavit zour full honorabill and effectuoss lettrez, gevin at zour place besydis Westmynster, the vth day of December instant, certifying and bering in effect, that be the tenour of my lait lettrez zour grace dois persave my gud mynde and disposicioune in sic thingis as ma tend to the continuance and nurising of gud luff and amite betuix the Kingis hienes my soverane and his derrest uncle the Kingis hienes of Eingland ministracioune of justice and punising of evildoaris, to the restfulnes of baithe the realmes, geving me laud and pryss mair than my meritis ma deserve, togidder with zour full wyss and substantiouss gud counsall, quhilk salbe to me as command and charge, and that sen perpetuall peax is establisst betuix the realmez of Eingland and France, thai that wald saw discorde betuix the Kingis hienes my soveran and his derrest uncle can nothir have favouris thare nor in France, and giff occasioune to all thre the princes to have thame at haitrent. And forthir, desyring reformacioune to be maid concernyng Sir Williame Lisle and his complices of the attemptatis and myscheiffis committit be thaim according to the vertew of treux, lyk as at mare length is specifyt in zour said lettrez.

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

My Lord, plesit zour grace be rememberit how my forebearis in all tymes bipast has bene about to foster and furthebeir gud luff, peax, and rest betuix thir twa realmes and athir of the princes therof, as is notourly knawin to all and sindry in thir partis succeeding eftir thame, and gif I wald presume to be so bald or foilhardy, nocht followand the futsteppis of wysmeun past of before, to attempt or do ocht in contrair ther wysdomys, I mycht be wele reput and haldin ryght unwyss, and mare attour baith unthankfull and unkynyd, considering the neirnes of blud the twa princes standis in at this tyme, the greit kyndnes and humanite, speciall favouris and diverss gratitudis done to me be the Kingis hienes of Eingland and zour grace, sa that my haill mynd and intencioun has evir bene, sen I grew to ony perfectioune, andmekill mair sen I was constitut in office and auctorite, and ane hevy cure laid one me, to study alwayis possibill for the intertenyng and upholding of gud peax, amite, and concord betuix thir twa realmes, punising of trespassouris, and puttin of justice to dew execucioune, and to do that thing mycht be acceptabill or plesand to the Kingis hienes zour soverane and zour grace, above all erdly prince, his derrest nephew my soverane allanerly exceptit; bot as for the favouris of France or ony therin, salffand the plessour of the Kingis hienes zour soverane, and of zour grace, I set it at litill, or ellis ryght nocht bot in gudlynes, for I fand na favouris thare bot collusioune and dissait, as is wele kend. And now the noyis is the Duk of Albanie procuris saulff-conduct and licence of the Kingis hienes zour soverane to returne here, allegand he has my soveranis consent thereto, the contrary tharof is verray trew, as his hienes has declarit before Leonard Musgraff, gentilmann. And I traist fermly the Kingis hienes of Eingland and zoure grace has providit sa surely and substantiously for the wele and indempnite of his derrest nephew enduring his less age, that ze will now continew and persevere quhen his grace is growin to consider the sammyn, be perfitt intelligence. And I ma knaw the Kingis hienes zour soveranis gud mynd and zour gracie in that behalff, I sall, with Goddis grace, resist the said Duk, and do his hienes mare steid and plessour with lefull service than he ma do.

My Lord, as anentis Sir Williame Lisle, his sone and complices, rebelles and tratouris, I assure zour grace to do extreme diligence, but dissimulacioun or delay, as all the centre sall clerely ken, to satify and fulfill the Kingis hienes of Eingland and zour gracie desyris in that behalff; and wald that zour grace plesit to send ane gentilmann here to remane, that he mycht understand the verite and my part in that mater, and quhat pane and travell of body, costs and scaithis, I and my frendis dois daly sustene to bryng that to gude effect, nocht for na pensione

nor sowmes of money, bot allanerly for the speciall favour my simpilnes beris to the service of the Kingis hienes zour soverane, and singlar emplessour to zour grace; and quhen I and my frendis has perfurnisit his hienes and zour gracie desyris one oure awin expenss, I will refer the reward to his hienes and zour gracie greit wysdome, maist intierly beseking the sammyn to solicit and causs the Kingis hienes zour soverane charge my simpilnes with ony service to me possibill, and I salbe fundin als reddy and of glaid hart theronto as ony uther sielyk of his retinew or houshald, with all the steid and plessour I cann or ma do to zour grace, myn allegiance to my soverane and maister allanerly exceptit; and thus the blissit Trinite presserve and keip zour grace. Wrettin at the Kingis hienes Palace besydis the Abbay of Halyrudhouss, the xxixth day of December 1527.

Your gracie with all service,

AR^D. Chancellar.

To my Lord Cardinalis grace.

109. THE SAME TO KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, as to Sir William Lisle, etc.
Edinburgh, 28th March 1528.¹

RICHT excellent, richt hie and michty prince, I recommend my humill service unto zour grace in my maist lawly maner, and has ressavit zour hienes writingis, dateid at Greynewyche the xiij day of Februar last bepast, quharinto zour grace makis mencioune that ze have nocht persavit ony frut schawin on this syde for the repressing and takin of Schir William Lisle and his complices, zour rebellis and outlawis, bot has bene fayn to tak uther wayis for apprehensioun and danting of the saidis misdoaris, and that in making of dew redres to zour hienes subjectis soll appere mare clearly of our myndis and dispositionis one this syde, quharthrow zour hienes soll wele consider gif that the tender kyndnes schawin to zour derrest brother and nephew my soverane, and speciall confidence ze have in me be weill employit; rehersing forthar that zour hienes, fynding mutuall correspondence of luff and amite one this syde, we soll nocht neid dout the repairing of the Duk of Albanye in this realme, lyk as at mare lenthe is specifyit in zour hienes letteris.

Richt excellent, richt hie and michty prince, I assure zour hienes that I left na labour, travell, nor diligence that micht be had or maid, baitht be nicht and day, nocht sparing eny perell or expensis for apprehensioun of the said Schir Williame and his complices, and to seclude thame fra all repairing, suppley or

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

comfort to be had within this realme, quharby on verray force and feir of takin, was compellit to put thame selfis in the handis of zour officiaris, quhilk ma wele appere to zour hienes, for giff we had nocth bene diligent in execucioun of justice aganis thame, according to the trety of peax, thai micht have, be colorat wayis of brokin menn, eschewit the subjectioun of zour officiaris, and nocth as yet bene put to thirldome; nocth douting that giff zour hienes had bene wele advertisit in this case, ze wald have gevin zour derrest nephew, my soverane and maister, greit thankis, and weil considerit my service in that behalff, quhilk nocth anerly has put myself with all plane, faithefull, and kynd wayis for accomplexing of zour hienes in this forsaid mater, bot alsua into makin of gude redres, establisshing of gude peax and amite betuix thir twa realmes, and to procure all that thing that mycht be to the plesur of zoure grace, in sie wys that sen I bure autoritie under my soverane and maister, and quhill the sammyn induris, zoure hienes beinge perfittly advertisit, ze soll think thare is mutuall correspondence of amite and luff for the part of my soverane, as to honour, kyndnes, and proximitie of blud appertenis; and sa fer as in me is, gude justice, dew redres, amite, peax, and kyndnes salbe set forwart without ony dissimilat wayis or abusionis, sa that zour hienes soll have just cause to mak impediment to the cuming of the Duke of Albanie or ony uthir persone within this realme, contrar the mynd and will of the Kingis hienes zour derrest nephew my soverane, and to persevere and continew in zour gude mynd towardis his hienes, hald and reput me zour speciall and obedient servand, as mare ampley I have writtin to my Lord Cardinall, quha can and will richt discreetly refer unto zour hienes.

Richt excellent, richt hie and mighty prince, God preserve zour hienes in lang lyffe and gude helthe. Writtin at Edinburgrecht, the xxvij day of Marche 1528.

Zour hienes humill servitour,

AR^D. Chancellar.

To the richt excellent, richt hie and mighty prince, the Kingis hienes of Engeland, etc.

110. THE SAME TO LORD DACRE, as to the state of the Borders. Edinburgh,
29th March [1528].¹

MY LORD, I commend me richt hertly to zour lordschip. Ascertainyng the sammyn I ressavit zour diverss lettrez, quharby I understand zour complante for nonredress of

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

attemptatis committit one that bordour within breiff tyme bipast, and has schawin the sammyn to the Kingis hienes my soverane and his counsall, and causit writ for Lord Maxwell with diligence to cum to his hienes; and or his terme was, that he mycht be reddy to be here, the Kingis grace departit over Forthe for his pastyme quhill neir Pasche, and thane in the haly days Lord Maxwell wilbe here, and I sall causs the Kingis grace and counsall ordour him sa that he sall do ressone and justice one the bordouris. Praying zow to superseid all materis quhill Tyisday eftir Law Sounday, and that day I sall noct fail to causs ane or twa my soveranis counsall be thare, to se that gud justice and dew redress be maid, but ony delayis or ofputtingis, that ze sall have na causs to compleyn. And God kepe zour lordschip eternaly. Writtin at Edinburgh, the xxix day of Marche.

Zour cousyng,

AR^{D.} Chancellor.

To my Lord Dacre, Wardane of the West Merchis of Eingland foranentis Scotland.

111. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY. Apprehension of Sir William Lisle,
and other matters. Edinburgh, 30th March 1528.¹

MY LORD, in my maist lawly maner I recommend my hertly service unto zour grace, certifying the sammyn. I ressavit zour grace writingis dateid at Westmonister, the xiiiij day of Februar last bipast, being richt lang and bering mony divers greit materis, and ane uthir breiff letter, inlykwyse writtin at Westmonister the xvij day of the said monetht, quhilkis I have schewin to the Kingis hienes my soverane, rehersing zour gud mynd evir to do his hienes plesur, and to nuris and set forward continuall peax, kyndnes, and frendschip betuix thir twa realmes. My Lord, quhare zour grace rehersis that albeit one the party of Scotland was noct sa detfull wayis tane for the takin of Schir Williame Lisle and his complices as was supposit to have bene, thare was sufficient ordour and provisiounе gevin and maid be the Kingis hienes zour soverane, in sic wyse that (ane part of his saidis complices put to execuciounе) he and his sone war compellit to rander thare selffis in the handis of zour officiaris. I dout noct bot and the Kingis hienes and zour grace had bene treuly instructit of this mater, his hienes and ze suld have thought that detfull wayis had bene takin one this syd, and me to have bene richt diligent

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

and faifefull in that behalff, deserving tharethrowt baithe thankis and plesur, for of treuthe, at the interpellacioune, calling, and desyring of zour said soverane and zour grace to put ordour aganis the said Schir Williame according to the treux, I soucht all wayis, nocth sparing othir danger or expensis, to apprehend, tak, or sla him and his complices, and baithe be nyght and day maid and causit be maid sa scharp execucioune one him, that he distitut of all comfort, supple, resset, and mantenance within this realme, on verry force behuffit ether to be takin heir be Scottismenn and send to the Kingis hienes zour soverane, or ellis (in hoip of sum mercy) to rander him wilfully to zour officiaris. My Lord, quhare zour grace makis lang rehers witht gude and substanciall admonicionis and advertismentis, how that the Kingis hienes zour soverane, nochtwithstanding ony oportunite that his hienes nicht have had to his avantage aganis this realme in my soveranes minorite and les age, has, in consideracioune of his tender age and proximite of blud, ay regardit to his surte be all assistance his hienes nicht mak, and to schew luff, gratuite, and kyndnes witht all honour, wele, or plesur to his said derrest nephew my soverane, requiring me tharefore, as my speciaill Lord and weilwillare, to have gude entent to the wele and quiete of baithe the bordouris, amite and kyndnes to be nurisyt betuix baithe the realms, and nocth to suffir ony rubberies or utheris enormiteis to reigne one this syd; alsua makand mencioune of the schort terme that is to endure of the last trety of peax, quhareof zour grace heris na remembrance, bot as lyk that thing that othir we nocth esteme or ellis presupponis to have at our plesur, witht mony uthir hailsoun and wyse admonisionis and counsalis, zour grace ma be wele sure that the Kingis hienes my soverane and his Counsall has in recent memorie all kyndnes, steid, and plesur done to him, his realme and liegis, in his les age, and purposis to randir mutuall kyndnes, correspondence, and frendship withe all steid and plesur that he can or ma, and nevir to fail to do that thing that accordis to the naturall affectyounе that ane nephiew aucht to have and keip to his derrest uncle and kynnismann. And howbeit litill mencioune be maid anentis the peax and treux schortly to ryn, nochtwithstanding sone eftir this nixt feist of Pasche thare is ane convencioune to be haldin of Lordis quhare that mater salbe put in Counsall and avisiment nocth litill estemis above all utheris, and thareftir the Kingis hienes and zour grace salbe advertisit, being sure, my Lord, that as to my part, sa lang as I have had autorite under my soverane, has evir with all hart and will regartit the wele of baithe the realms, inter[te]nyng of amite and peax, and making gude redres one the bordouris, committand my persone to danger, besydis baithe greit travell and expensis, in hoip to have

reportit nocth anerly thank of my soverane, bot also of his derrest uncle and zour grace, quhilkis I have had ay trew mynd to serve above all utheris nixt eftir my soverane and maister, and sa intendis to perseveir; and has bene reddy, and lyn ewest the bordouris ay sen the xxij day of Januar last bipast, belevand the Erle of Northumbreland wald have met the said day and utheris sen syne, as was desyrit one my behalff, and writing send with Thomas Gowre, constabill of Alnewyk, and evir salbe reddy for this syde to meit (at all placis convenient and accustummat in tymes past) the said Erle, or ony noble mann of Ingland, to make redres of all attemptatis committit baithe be sey and land sen the last meting betuix the Erle of Arrane and my Lord of Northefolk. And in the meyn sesoune, quhan evir I am requirit, I caus my lieuteinantis and deputis meit and mak gude redres, and perfums thir materis in deid, that I traist the officiaris one that party will nocth compleyn. And howbeit that mony complants cummyns to the Kingis hienes of Eingland and zour grace be zour officiaris, quhilkis for thare will and plesur wald have redres without randering the sammyn one simlabill maner, zour gracie suld nocth giff full credence to thare sayingis, bot wele consider that equall justice suld be had one baithe sydis, nocth douting thare is als mony or ma plantis maid one this syde as one the tother, sic as the takin of the bark of Sandwyche, the spoilzeing of the pyk of Abirden, besydis utheris divers depredacionis and slauters daylie committit one the bordouris; and now laitly, the xv day of Marche instant, the houshald of Berwyk, to the nowmer of sex score men, com in Scotland, in feir of weir and opin day forray, and tane up ane toune in the Mers callit Clarybald, and na reformacioun maid of all thir and mony utheris. My Lord, as twiching the repare of the Duk of Albanie within this realme, my soverane the Kingis hienes wrait to his derrest eme and to zour grace impediment to be maid to the said Duke, becaus his hienes and zour grace has ay laborit to this effect in tymes past. Traistin that his hienes is of that sammyn mynd, and will nocth havand ony dredour of his cuming, or presumand that he ma be of strenthe to repare in this realme contrar his will, or that he nedis ony outward help heirinto, or to the gettin of his hous and castell of Dunbar, bot wrait the saidis letteris to the effect that he micht have ay his derrest emys support and counsall in that and all utheris materis, as accordis ane zoungr prince and nephiew to have of his derrest uncle. And finalie, my Lord, ensueing zour kyndly and faithfull counsall the Kingis hienes and zour grace salbe sure that thare sall nathing be left one this syde in making of dew redres, keping of amite and kyndnes betuix the realmes, and to do and labour that thing ma be plesur to the Kingis hienes zour soverane, in sic

sort that his hienes and zour grace soll tak just occasionne to set forwardt all my soveranes ressonabill desyris, praying zour grace to excuse the lang tary of this ansuer, becaus the Kingis hienes my soverane, at the cummyng of the messingere withe zour gracie letteris, was in the northe cuntry, in the extreme partis of his realme, and at his returning the ansuer was als haistly send as mycht be. And thus I pray God preserve zour grace eternalie. Writtin at Edinburght, the penalt day of Marche 1528.

Zour gracie withe all service,

AR^D Chancellor.

To my Lord Cardinalis grace, etc.

112. THE SAME TO SIR CHRISTOPHER DACRE, desiring assistance in executing justice on the Borders. Edinburgh, 27th May 1528.¹

RICHT honorabill sir and welbelovit cousin, I recommend me unto zow in my maist hertlie maner, certifying the sammyn. The Kingis hienes my soverane and Lordis of his Counsall set for the zeill of justice, repressing and punising of trespassouris and brekaris of the bordouris, sa that the subjectis one baith the sydis ma leiff in tranquillite and restefulnes, conforme to the trety of peax takin betuix the princes of thir twa realmes, has thocht maist ganand and ane army to be rasit the xxij day of Junii nixt tocum, quhare the Kingis hienes my maister, helpand God, purposis to pas in propir persone, lyk as mair lenthe is specifyit in the writing directit fra my soverane to his derrest unkle the Kingis hienes zour maister, and ordainis me to mak manifest unto zow and utheris officiaris one thai bordouris. Exhorting the sammyn to have reddy gaderit and assemblit togidder agane the said day all and syndry zour soveranis subjectis within the bowndis of zour offices and possessionis, to cum foranent my soveranis said army to se cerse and be sickir that none of the saidis malefactouris, thare wyffis, barnis, nor gudis, be resset or suppleit within the realme of Eingland in sic sort that none of thame escaip to underly correctione for thare demeritis and enormiteis, bot to incur extreme confusione and ruyne, in augmentacioun and fostering of mutuall kyndnes, common wele, and amicable correspondence betuix boith the realmes and liegis thereof. And becaus I knew my Lord zour nephew is instantly abuff at the court, I do nocth writ to him bot to zow allanerlie for the west marchis, and sall hereafter, aucht dayis before

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the said diet, advertise zow of new thareof, will God, quha conserve zow eternalie.
Writtin at Edinburgt, the xxvij day of Maii 1528.

Zour cowsyng,

AR^D. Chancellor.

To the richt honorabill and my weilbelovit cousing Sir Christopher Dacre,
Wardane of the West Marchis under his nephew, etc.

113. THE SAME to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, desiring his protection.

Coldingham Abbey, 10th September [1528].¹

RICHT excellent, richt hie and mighty prince, in my maist lauly maner I commend my humill service unto zour hienes, and has ressavit zour gracis lettres, bering dait of Ampthill the ixth day of August last bipast, directit to the Kingis grace zour nephew, my soverane, and to my simpilnes, togidder with the doubill, be the quhilks I do cleirly consider the principall, richt tender and effectuos, in favoris of me and my materis, and causit zour hienes saidis lettres be delibrait unto the Kingis grace my maister, traisting tharethrow, and for my trew service and law obedience, with greit giftis offerit be me to his hienes, till have obtenuit ressonne, equite, and justice; bot in the contrarie, becaus I menit me to zour hienes, I was the war hard, and is processit one the maner, and ane pretendit dome gevin one me and my frendis of lyvis, landis, and gudis, in the stratest and maist extreme style can be devisit, richt unordourly and aganis the lawis and consuetude of the realme, and als aganis God and gude conscience, considering I never faltit nor committit sic sober crymes as wes allegit at the instance and sinister solicitatiounie of my party, as I sall ansuer to God, and as salbe notourly knawin unto zour hienes herefter be ane speciall greit frende of myn, quhilk I sall send to zour hienes incontinent efter ane part of this besynes be done presently occurrand, that sall informe zour grace of all myn effaris, and have credence as my selff, maist humilly beseking zour hienes, for the reverence of God, zeill of justice, and wele of my simpilnes and hous, as I that has bene and evir salbe zour gracis trew and faithfull servand enduring my lyffe, that it wald pleis zour hienes stand my gude prince and protectour, as zour grace has evir done heretofore, and suffir me nocht be injurit nor oppressit, as myn enemys and unfrendis intendis to caus the Kingis grace my soverane to do. And in the meyne saisoun, quhill I ma gudly direct

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my said frende unto zour hienes, it wald pleis the sammyn certify and command zour servitour, my Lord of Northumbreland, ane of zour officiaris in thir partis, to supply, manteinne, and defend me in this my just accioune and querele, ressavand me within zour realme, and caus the bordouraris ryd with me, giff I charge thame, as myn allanerly hoip and speciall confidence is in zour hienes, quhaiis maist nobill persone the blissit Trinitie preserve in prosperite. Writtin at Coldinghamme Abbey, the xth day of September.

Zour hienes humill servitour,

ARD. ERL OF ANGUS.

To the richt excellent, richt hie and mychty prince, the Kingis hienes of Eingland, etc.

114. THE CHANCELLOR and PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, as to the Earl of Angus. Edinburgh, 10th September [1528].¹

RICHT excellent, rycht hie and mychty prince, we commend ws unto zour hienes in our maist lauelie and hertlie maner. And has sene your hienes writtingis, with certane artikilis send to our soverane lord zour derrest nepho be Patrik Sinclair, quhilkis we haiff perfittlie considerit to be consavit of gret kindnes, luff, and wisdome, sua that be our consideratioun na thing may be perfittliar done, nor the mater mair profundlie wayit, quharthrou we, for our maisteris saik, aucht to do zour hienes all thankis, plesur, and detfulle service; and conform to zour hienes saidis writtingis, our said soverane has callit the hail thre estatis of his realme, and be the avyse and counsale of the maist discret, wyasest, and maiste grave personageis, without malicius or perciale wayis, has proceedit in his Parliament, and the materis of cryme impute to Archibald sum tyme Erle of Angus beand riplie avisit, thai ar funde be the censemement of the Parliament culpable tharof, lik as our said soverane lord has writtin at large to zour hienes, praying the same rycht excellent, rycht hie and mychty prince, that ze wald hald zour helplie handis to our said soverane lord and ws in all casis occurrand for the weil of our said soverane, zour derrest nepho and brother, and of baith the realmes, assuring zour hienes that we sal for our part intertwa gud luff, amite, frendschipe, and justice to be betuix baith the realmes to our utermaist power, praying zour grace to send zour commissionaris to zour bordouris for the tretting of peax and trewis according to our said

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

soveranis desire and writtingis. Rycht excellent, rycht hie and mychty prince, the blisst Trinite haiff zour hienes in keping. At Edinburghe, the tent day of September, the zeir of God j^mv^e and xxvij zeris.

Zour hienes devoit and humile oratouris and servitouris in all leiffule maner,

THE CHANCELLAR AND COUNSEL OF SCOTLAND.

To the rycht excellent, rycht hie and mychty prince, the Kingis grace of Ingland, etc.

115. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to the EARL OF NORTHUMBERLAND,
desiring the latter's friendship and assistance. Coldingham Abbey,
11th September 1528.¹

MY LORD, in my maist hartlie maner I recommend me unto zour lordship, thanking the samdyn rycht intirrie of the greit kyndnes done to me and my servandis for my saik, quhilk I salbe about to acquyt at the utermest of my powere. My Lord, to certifie zour lordship, the Kingis grace my soverane, throu sinister solistatioun of myne unfrendis, and enemeis baitht to God and mann, sik as the Erlis of Argyle, Arrane, Lord Maxuel, Sir James Hammiltoun Shereif of Aire, Lardis of Buckleucht and Keir, with thar complicitis, proceeding of malyce, falsheid and cupidite of my landis and possessiounis, nocht haiffing God nor gud conscience befor, nor zit regarding the Kingis honour, commoun weil of his realme, nor the greit faitht and kindnes his grace suld observe and keip to the Kingis hienes zour soverane, his derrest uncle, that hes ever laborit and bestowit greit trawail and expens for the conservatioun, surte, and weilfaire of his derrest nepheis persone, restfulnes and tranquillite of his realmme and liegis, hes causit his grace one the maner leid ane pretendit forfaltour one me and my frendis, expreslie aganys the lawis and consuetud of the realme, for na falt makynge, as I sal ansuere to God and to the Kingis hienes zour soverane his derrest uncle, that suld have cure and reule of his nephо abouf al precins and utheris; and perseverand in thare malyce and wrangous oppunzeoun, thai purpos to causs the Kingis grace my maister to seigh my housses, and purches artailzerie and munitioun furtht of Dunbar, and to persew and seik me and my frendis to the deid, or expel us the centre. Traistinge fermlie I wil get na reset, help nor suple of the realmme of Eingland, lyk as Patrek Sinklare, that come laitlie fra the Kingis grace zour soverane, hes planlie done thaim understand, and said rycht largislie in that

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

behalf. As ferther, pleis zour lordschip in al thir materis be maire amply informyt be the berar my servand, with quhame I have wryttin to the Kingis hienes zour soverane, and to my Lord Cardinalis grace, for help and supple, sa I and myne ma surlie resort within the realmme of Eingland, and to wryt to zour lordschip to causs the bordouraris and liegis one that syd ryd with me quhene I desyr, quhil unto the tyme I may direct ane special frend of myne to the Kingis hienes zour soverane, instruckit with my mynd at lentht in all thingis; of the quhilkis I traist his hienes, my Lord Cardinalis grace, zour lordschip, and al the noble menne of Eingland salbe rycht glaid and joyuss. My Lord, I beseik zour lordschip to stand gud and kynd lord to me at this tyme, and to furthir me at the Kingis hienes zour soverane, and my Lord Cardinalis grace, as my singlare traist and special confidence is in zour lordschip, quhamme God conserve eternalie. Wryttyn at Coldingham Abbay, the xi day of Septembere 1528.

Pleiss zour lordschip ressative with ther presentis the copijs of the Kingis hienes and my Lord Cardinalis writingis.

Zours,

AR^D. ERL OFF ANGUSS.

To my Lord Erle of Northumbreland, lieutenant and wardane of the Merchis of Eingland foranentis Scotland.

116. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY, as to the unfriendly feeling of the King of Scots. Coldingham Abbey, 11th September 1528.¹

MY LORD, in my maist intairly maner I commend my hertly service unto zour grace. Emplesit the sammyn, I ressavit zour grace letteres directit unto the Kingis hienes my soverane, and to my selff, togidder with the doubill. Thankand zour grace at the utermest of my power therof, and of the greit humanite, faithe, and kyndnes I do fynd at all tymes with zour grace; praying God I ma do the Kingis hienes zour soverane, and zour grace, faithfull and trew service or I de, for I am greitlyar addettit therunto than my meritis ma deserve; and albeit the Kingis hienes and zour grace wrait to his derrest nephew my maister, als effectuosly and tenderly as was possible to be devisit or put in forme, nevertheles his grace, persuadit and abusit be perversit counsall of myne unfrendis and evill disposit personis being about his grace and maist inwart, nocht having God nor gud conscience before E, proximite of blud, and speciaill requeist of the Kingis hienes his derrest uncle, and of zour grace, quhilkis has done mare and bestowit greiter

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

expensis and labouris for his suerenes and prosperite thane all the wrold has done, nor zit regard thai his grace honour, commone wele, and restfffulness of his realme, has causit ane pretendit forefalture be led one the maner wrangusly aganis me and my frendis, and incontrar all ressone and justice, common law, and consuetud of this realme, sayand that I soucht succur thare, and sould be the war hard, and that the Kingis hienes of Ingland, nor nane within that realme, wald do ocht for my releiff, quhilk Patrik Sinclare avowit and expresly bure one hand be credence, that he suld warrand me nocht helpit nor suppleit within the realme of Eingland, and causit thame be the mare cruell and scharp aganis me, and he is to returne agane to this effect in tha partis with writingis and credence in my contrar, quhilkis ar nocht of verite, bot procedis of malice and cupidite of myne enemys and thame that desyris my landis and possessionis, sic as the Erles of Ergyle, Arrane, Lord Maxwell, Sir James Hammiltoune, Lardis of Buckleuch, Sheref of Ayre, and Kere, with thare complices, commone tratouris, menne slayaris, and brekaris of the bordouris; as forther, in all thir and utheris materis, I sall send ane speciall frend of myne awin to the Kingis hienes and zour grace, amply instructit with my mynd and credence as to myselff, of the quhilk I dout nocht bot the Kingis hienes and zour grace wilbe rycht glaid and joyuss, beseking zour grace of remeid as zour hie prudence can best deviss, as I that is ane innocent and saikles mann, as I sall answer to God, the Kingis hienes zour soverane, and zour grace, that suld have maist cure and reule of his derrest nephew my maister, and to giff na credence to my adversaris, to writ and solicit the Kingis hienes writ to my Lord of Northeumberland and utheris his hienes officiaris in thir partis, to ressave me and myne within the realme of Eingland, and to causs the liegis and bordouraris one that syd ryd with me giff neid beis, quhil unto the tyme my said frend ma cum to the Kingis hienes and zour grace, for I am surely informit that thir saidis misdoaris will causs the Kingis hienes my soverane assege my houssis and persew my selff to the deid, or ellis expell me furthe of this cuntre, without the Kingis hienes zour soverane, his derrest uncle, and zour grace, in quhilkis is all my traist and confidence, set remedy herein, maist hertly beseking zour gud grace to pardone my hamlynes, and do for me at this tyme as zour grace hes evir done hiddertilis, as I that hes bene and evir salbe zour grace faithefull and trew servand helpan the blissit Trinite, quhame preserve zour grace in lyff everlasting. Writtin at Coldinghamme Abbay, the xj day of September 1528.

To my Lord Cardinals grace.

117. THE SAME to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, commanding his brother as bearer of a letter to the King. Coldingham Abbey, [14th] September 1528.¹

RICHT excellent, richt hie and mighty prince, in my maist lauly maner I recommend my humill seruice vnto zour hienes. And ffor samekill as my simpilnes send writingis the xth day of September to zour grace, of certane materis occurrand for that tyme, referrand the residew to be scheowing to zour hienes be ane speciall frende of myn, and thocht nane sa conuenient (sen my selff ma noct be lasarit) as zour grace lauly seruitor this berar, my brother germane, to direct vnto zour hienes, amply instructit with my full plane and vter mynd and resolutioune in all effaris to be reportit to zour gud grace, maist humily beseking zour hienes to dedeyne the sammyn sa fer as to heir my said brother glaidly, and to giff him firme credence as to my selff, considering I am sa hevily and wrangusly done to be my vnfrendis without zour grace giff remedy to me, that has bene and evir salbe trew and faithfull seruitour vnto zour hienes, as knawis the Creatour. Richt excellent, richt hie and mighty prince, I pray God Almyghty conserve zour maist nobill persone in prosperite. Writtin at Coldinghamme Abbay, the day of September 1528.

Zour hienes humill seruitor,

AR^P. ERL OF ANGUSS.

To the richt excellent, richt hie and mighty prince, the Kingis hienes of England, etc.

118. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY, commanding his brother as his messenger. Coldingham Abbey, 14th September 1528.²

MY LORD, in my maist lauly maner I command my hertly service unto zour grace; and quhareas I send writingis the xj day of September instant to zour grace, making mencioune of sic materis as occurrit for that meynytme, differrand the remainet to be declarit to zour grace be ane greit frende of myn, and becaus I ma noct be weill forborne furthe of thir partis, I thocht nane sa expedient as zour gracis servitour this berar, my brother germane, to direct unto zour grace, instructit withe my resolut mynd and trew intentioun at large in all thingis, as he will informe zour grace; maist effectuosly and humilly praying the sammyn, of zour lie prudence and greit wysdome, that has mesit, pacifyit, and put to rest mekill of the haill Christianite, to take pyne, travell, and besynes on zour persone

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

² *Ibid.*

to dres and reforme this manifest wraing done to me, as I that has bene, and evir salbe, faithfull servitour to the Kingis hienes zour soverane, and to zour grace, and thoill me nocht be sa owrethrawin and planly oppressit as the cruelty of myn unfrendis purposis to do. And pleis zour grace to giff my said brother firme faithe and credence as to my selff, and giff evir my meritis or trew service ma stand zour grace in ony steid or plesur, I am addettit and obllissis me tharto of verray gud hart and mynd, as knawis God, quha mot preserve zour gud grace in lang lyffe and gud heithe. Writtin at Coldingham Abbey, the xiiij day of September 1528.

Zour gracie servitour, etc.,

To my Lord Cardinalis grace, etc.

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

119. THE SAME to the EARL OF NORTHUMBERLAND, recommending his brother to the Earl's good-will. Coldingham Abbey, 14th September 1528.¹

MY LORD, in my maist hertly maner I recommend me unto zour lordschip. And fforsamekill as I wrait to zour lordschip the xj day of September instant, making menciounie of sic materis as occurrit for that meynptym, referrand the residew to be declarit to zour lordschip be ane greit frende of myn, to be directit to the Kingis hienes, my Lord Cardinalis grace, and zour lordschip; and thocht nane sa ganand thanfore as my brother germane, this berar, quham I have instructit with my resolut mynd and trew intenciounie at large in all thingis, as he will informe zour lordschip; praying the sammyn effectuosly to giff him zour best counsal and avise in myn effaris, and how he sall behave him, and to stand my gud lord and greit frende at this tym of neid, as my singular traist and speciall confidence is in zour lordschip; and be thare steid, plesur, or kyndnes that I ma do to zour lordschip, I salbe reddy at all tymes tharunto at the utermest of my power, as farther my said brother can schaw zour lordschip, quhilk pleis giff him credence and firme faithe as to my selff. And thus the Haly Trinite preserve zour lordschip in prosperite efter zour nobill hartis desyre. Writtin at Caldingham Abbey, the xiiij day of September 1528.

Zours,

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

To my Lord Erle of Northumbrelan, lieutennant and wardane of the marchis of Eingland foranentis Scotland, etc.

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

120. THE SAME to THE SAME, asking for help against King James the Fifth's attack upon him. Coldingham, 4th October 1528.¹

MY LORD, in my most hartlie maner I commend me oneto zour lordschep. Plesit the saminge that [the] Kingis grace of Scotland come with his gret pouar the thrid day of this instant monath of October to Coldingheme, and enterit my Lord Houme and his broder, the Abbot of Jedwarth, in Coldingheme, to kep it and to hald me out of thai partis, bot I haif rapulsit my Lord Houme and his broder fra the saminge; that saminge nocth the Kyngis grace durst nocth ramane half ane hour, bot ramuffit bakwarts be al his mane and deligens, and was richt affterit, and never lechtit of his hors oneto he come to Dunbar. My Lord, it is nocth unknawine to zour lordschep at the Kyng of Scotland convenis with the gret pouar of Scotland, and cumis toasseige my housis the xvij day of this saminge instant monath of October; quharfor I besek zour lordschep at ze wald be ramembris one the saminge, and to wryt to the Kyngis henes that I may haif his gracis supple and help agane the said daye, with zour lordschep supple and fortificatione to the saminge, as my special trest and beleif is in zour lordschep, quhame the blesit Jesu haif zour lordschep in his kepynge. Of Coldingheme, the iiij day of October. Subscrivit with my hand.

Zours,

ARD ERL OFF ANGUSS.

To my Lorde.

121. THE SAME to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, seeking redress in his affairs. Coldingham Abbey, 13th November 1528.²

RICHT hie, richt excellent and mycht[y] prince, in my maist humill manere I commend my lauly service unto zour hienes. Emplesit zour maist nobill grace, zour commissionaris, and thame one this syd, convenit within zour toune of Berwyk the aucht day of November instant, and has appoyntit the nynt day of the nixt moneth to meit in the said place for finall conclusioune of peax to be takin; maist humilly beseking zour hienes to have rega[rd] and consideratioune of my simpilnes that is and evir salbe zour hienes trew and faithfull servitour, and to be sa gud and gracious p[rince] as to writ to zour commissionaris, commanding thame that na peax nor trewis be takyn with Scotland bot giff my

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

² Original in Public Record Office, London.

materis be [dre]ssit in the sammyn, for I, my frendis and parttakaris sall byd at, underly, and fulfill the commandment and plesur of zour hienes enduri[ng] oure lyffis, quhilk I promit faithfully to observē and keip; and giff the trewis beis takin at this tyme betuix thir twa rea[lm]es without myn effaris be ordourit tharein, I and my frendis ar uterly distroyit and put doun for evir, sa that I ma nevir b[e] habill to serve zour hienes, for this peax that Scotland desyris is allanerly for my destructione, nocth douting zour hienes greit prudence will have gud consideracioune of my faithfull mynd and trew service unto zour hienes, and to have piete of me and par[d]one myn inopportunite now in tyme of neid, that has name uther help nor suppley but zour hienes allanerly.

Richt hie, richt excellent and mychty[y] prince, I pray God Almychty preserve zour maist noble persone in lang lyff and gud prosperite. Writtin at Colding-hame Abbey, the xiijth day of Novembre 1528.

Zour hienes humill servitour,

AR^D ERL OF ANGUS.

To the richt hie, ryght excellent and mychty prince, the Kingis hienes of Eingland, etc.

122. THE SAME to the EARL OF NORTHUMBERLAND, relating the result of King James the Fifth's attack on Tantallon. Coldingham Abbey, [14th] November 1528.¹

MY LORD, in my maist hertly manere I commend me unto zour gud lordship, and to certify the sammyn of sic novelles as occuris here. Emplesit zour lordship, call to remembrance how the King my maister assemblit his army the xvij day of October last bipast, nochwithstanding the tender and speciall lettrez the Kingis hienes of Eingland directit to his grace in favouris of me, and incontrar the said convocacioune or assyeinge of my housse of Teintalloune, at the quhilk he and his army, with artaillerie of his awin and of Dunbar Castell in greit quantite, has lyne and assiegit ryght scharply baithe be gunnis and inginious menne, baithe Scottis and Frenche, that myndit the wallis, in sic sort that as can be rememberit thare was nevir sa mekill pane, travell, expensis, and diligence done and maid for the wynnynge of ane housse and the sammyn escaip in Scotland sen it was first inhabit; and apone Weddynnisday, the ferde of November, the King removit to Edinbrught, bot xvi mylis fra Teintalloune, and left ane band

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

of fut menne and ane company of horss menne to convoy hame the artaillierie ; and that sammyn Weddynniday, at nycht, I, and part of wele horssit menne of myn awin, to noumer of aucht score, and levit the lave of my folkis behynd me at Teintalloune, followit in eftir thame, and a litill eftir the mone ryng or it was day, set apone thame, and has defait thame all, loving to God, baithe horss menne and fut menne, and slane David Falkoner, principall capitane of the futmenne, the best man of wer was in Scotland one the sey, and was takin be Einglismenne nocht lang ago ; and I have takin ane uther capitane of the fut menne, and has him in fircance ; and also I tuk the maister of the artaillie, and wane all the sammyn, and had baithe menne and artaillierie all in my will and dangare ; bot becauss the King my maister is sa neir of blud to the Kingis hienes of Eingland, that has done sa mekill for me, and sa gud and graciouss prince to me, and mekill the better be zour solicitacioun, I wald nocht dishonour the King here sa fer as to hald his artaillie, bot convoyit the sammyn my selff quhill it was furthe of danger, and sufferit the maister of artaillie to pas, and prayit him to commend my lauly service unto my soverane, and to schew his grace that I have bene trew servand and subiect to the sammyn, and that I gave his grace na wytte of ocht that was done to me, bot to the evill avisit personis about his grace nocht worthy therto, and had done sic dishonour to him at this tyme thai mycht never amend it, and I had plesit put it to execucioun. My Lord, thir premissis ar of verite, and howbeit I mycht have ane way and appoynment, I will do na thing therin bot be the ordinance of the Kingis hienes of Eingland and the aviss of zour lordschip, and hes writtin presently to the Kingis hienes to send command to the commissionaris nocht to tak na trewis nor peax without I and my frendis be restorit to our heritagis, benefices, offices, rumys, and possessiouns, and his grace abyding therat, I knew perfitt all wilbe as his hienes will have it. And farther, in every behalff my brother zour servand cann informe zour lordschip, quhame God conserve eternaly. Writtin at Coldinghame Abbey, this Setterday.

Zours,

AR^D. ERL OFF ANGUSS.

To my Lord Erle of Northeumbrelan, lieutennant and wardane generall of the Merchis of Eingland foranentis Scotland.

123. THE SAME to CARDINAL WOLSEY, beseeching assistance.

Preston, 18th May 1529.¹

MY LORD, in my maist lauly maner I recommend my humill service unto zour grace, quhilk plecit I have send this present portatour to the Kingis hienes and zour grace, amply instructit with my mynd, as he will informe zow: sa scherly I am persewit, and the treux sa extremly takin in my contrar, that I ma nocht weill remane within this realme, as forther the said latour can mair largely mak manifest unto zour grace; maist humily beseking the same to stand my gud lord and furthir myn effaris now in necessite, and to giff audience and credence to the said berar as to my selff; and giff thare be ony steid or service my simpilnes ma do to the plesur of zour grace, it salbe reddy at command, as knawis God, quha conserve zour grace eternally. Writtin at Prestoune, the xvij day of Maij 1529.

Zour gracie servitour at all power,

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

To my Lord Cardinalis grace, etc.

124. AGREEMENT between KING HENRY THE EIGHTH and ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, in the event of a war between England and Scotland.

25th August 1532.² [Old copy.]

HENRY THE EIGHT, by the grace of God, King of England and of Fraunce, defensour of the faithe and lorde of Irlande, greeting. Wheras our righte trusty and right welbeloved cousin, Archibald Erle of Anguishe, hathe, by his writing subscribed with his hande, dated the xxvth day of August the xxiiijth yere of our reign, promysed us by his othe and in the worde of a gentleman, that, in cace we shuld move actual warre to the King of Scotlande, he, to his possible poure, with suche his seruauntis, adherentis, and frendes as he canne by any meanes procure, shal truly and faithefully serve us in the same, with other condicions as in the said writing is conteyned; to th' intent the said Erle shuld not in that cace dispair of our goodnes, but be encouraged to doo us service with the bettre good wil, we have thoughte good to make promyse to the said Erle in writing, and doo promyse unto him by thise presents, that in cace warre dothe ensue betwene us and the said King of Scottis, and in the same warre the said Erle of Anguishe doo use

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himself according to the purporte of the said writing, truly and faithfully serving us, as in the same writing is conteyned ; and over that, at the commencement and begynning of the said warre, the said Erle doo make unto us othe of alleageaunce, and recognise us as supreme lorde of Scotlande, and as his prince and souveraign, we thenne, the said Erle doing the premysses, shalbe reputed and taken as bounde, and by thise presentis binde ourself to paye yerly unto the said Erle the somme of oone thousand poundis sterlinc, and the same yerly payment of oon thousand poundis sterlinc, to contynue unto the said Erle and endure untyl we have, by our said warre, reduced the said Erle into possession of his landis in Scotlande, eyther at our hande by conquest, or at the hande of the King of Scottis by our meanes ; and further promyse unto the said Erle that he serving us in the said warres, if the same chaunce, we shal take noo appointement of peace with the said King, without comprehencion, restitucion of landis, and reconcilacion of the said Erle. And for wittenesse of the premysses we have signed thise presentis with our ounе hande, after our accustomed maner, the said xxvth daye of August, the xxiiijth yeir of our reigne.

125. SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, desiring to know what to do with Cawmills. Berwick, 9th February [1533].¹

RYGHT hygh, excellent, and myghty prynce, unto your hygnese in my most lowly maner I commende my symple servyse, most humbly thankynge your hygnese of your good and gracys letter sent unto my Lorde my brother and to myne uncle and to me, wyth your hygnese rewarde, sent with your vycechambrelane to us, praying God that we may do your hygnese servyse accordyng to our good wyll and mynde. Plesyd your hygnese, for such newis as we have furthe of Scottland, I have shewyd unto your servand, capytane of your hygnese towne of Berwyke, and I dout not but he wyll certfyfe your hygnese of the same ; and so as I do gytt knowlege I shall certfyfe hym or others of your hygnese consell that be here, accordyngly as the mater is of weght, and as my deuty is so to do.

Plesyd your hygnese that my Lorde of Northumbrelande, your hygnese wardan, dyd charge me, in your hygnese name and behalfe, with the kepyng of an towre in Scotlande callyd the Cawmylles affor Chrystynmase, and desryyd me

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

to stand chargyd with the same to the tyme your hyghnese plesure were knownne ; and so I have kept itt of my cost and chargys, with the nombre of 14 men at the leyst, and the house is of small strenthe, except itt be byggyd and helpyd by your hyghnese. The kepyng of the sayd hous, as symple as itt is, doyth grete dys- pleures to Scotland and eayse to your hyghnese bordres, and especcially to your hyghnese towne of Berwyke. Most humbly beseching your hyghnese that I may know your hyghnese pleasure tochynge the sayd house of the Cawmylles ; and whatt servyse your hyghnese wyll commande me wythe, I shal be redy to fulfull the same to my lytta power, as knoweth the eternall God, who preserve your hyghnese in helthe and honor. Wrytn at your hyghnese towne of Berwyke, the 9^t day of February,

By your hyghnes most humble and lowly servande,

GEORGE DOWGLAS.

To the ryght hygh, excellent, and myghty prince, the Kynges hyghnes of England.

126. SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS to MR. CROMWELL, in reference to Cawmills.

Newcastle, 10th July [1533].¹

SCHIR, in my most harte maner I commend me til zour mastersip, and plest zow that thar is no owder newes in thir partes bot sik is I trast the Kingis commisioners hes awtwartist zowr mastersip off at lenht, or els I sowld haff wryten sik is I hawd knawen. Schir, I do fer that the Scottes sal com wyt ane powar til seg the Cawfmills the first thing at tha wyl do ; and ze kene it is nocht bildit til rasist nor diffend agane an gret powar, and it was the Kingis plesir, at my departing, at I sowld kep the said hows bot frome steling, and sene at the commissoners is nocht agreit, I wald ze wer sa gowd til me es til knew the Kingis plesir qow I sal kep the sad hows ; and gif it be the Kingis most graysows plesir that I sal kep the sad hows frome awl dengars, it most be bildit and made strong, for gif the Scottis sowld get it parfa . . . it wald be ane gret plesir til thame, becaus ze Kengis gras has denyit thame the sad hows, and I wald be sore at it sowld hawpen so, becaus I haff the keping of it, and qwat his most graysows plesir is I most harte desir zow til awthwartis me wyt the nixt post at coms, for this mater inqwyrss gret hest, and I thowt I cowlde do no les one my dewte bot til awhwartis zow or the dangar com, and qwyl I haff zour ansowr agane, I sal do

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

my best til the keping off the sad hows, and qwat plesir or sarwis ze wyl command me wyt, I sal be rede to ffowlfil the same at my lytel powar, es knawis God, qwo haff [zow] in keping. At the New Castal, the x day of Jowly.

Be zowrs at his lytel powar,

GEORGE DOWGLAS.

To ye reght wyrshipffowl Master Crowmial of ye Kinges most onerabel consal.

127. INSTRUCTIONS to be contained in a letter from KING HENRY THE EIGHTH to the KING OF SCOTS, on behalf of the Earl of Angus and his brother. [September 1534.]¹

A remembrance to the Kinges highnes and his mooste honorable counsall, for th'erle of Angus and his brother, wherin it may pleas his highnes to direct his most gracious lettres to the Kingis grace of Scotlandne in the favour of the said Erle and his brother, with somme substanciall wise gentilman, concerning their requeste heraftur ensewing.

Furste, it may pleas your highnes to call unto your graces remembraunce your many and sundry requestes and writings made unto the Kinges said grace of Scotlandne, in the favours of the said Erle and his brother. Your grace doithe knowe the trew and faithfull hert and mynde that the said Erle and his brother have borne and berethe towardes the said King. And also considouring we never offended unto his grace, or were robbers, murdereris, or also brekers of his lawes or justice, but that we, by the sinistre enformacion of our small freindes and evill willars (without cause or occasion by us to his grace or realme geven), were exiled and putt furthe of the realme of Scotlandne. The principall point and cause whiche our said nonfreindes furst allegid for them selfes was, that we shulde have put furthe his grace unto your highnes; and your grace doithe perfitelie knowe the contrary, for of our honesties we doo not knowe any offence that we shulde have done unto his grace, or that his grace should have displeasur to us (except it be for serving of your grace the last warre). Wherfore we mooste humbly and lawly besuche your highenes to direct your tender, loving, and kinde lettres unto his grace, that we may be restored thidder and to our possessiones and landes, and the same to occupye and have as we did before we were exiled, this being done, in

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cace we had bene offendours (as we are none) we truste your highenes reasonable request and deasire herin shall not be denied.

Secondelie, it woll please your highenes and moste honorable counsaille, that we mighte have knowleage afore or the gentilman past into Scotlande to th'intent we may certefye our freindes in Scotlande to cause theim make laubours to have knowleage of the Kinges mynde, whiche way were best to content and pleas his grace, and to bring the mattere to good effect and purpose, so that our freindes mighte alwayes from tyme to tyme reasourte unto the said gentilman to advertise hym therof, as the case shall require.

We truste also that your highnes and moste honorable counsaille, at the concluding and taking of the last peax, have takin such ordour for us, our poore bloide and hous, as doithe stonde for your graces honor and the welthe and suretie of us and our bloide, for we are bounde to your grace evermore to be your servauntes for the grete goodnes to us shewed heretofore, and furthere to pray for the preservacione of your highenes mooste roiall estate.

128. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to his brother, SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS, as to his affairs, and news from Scotland. Berwick,
24th March [1536].¹

BRODER, I commend me to zow. Weit ze that I am hayll and feyr at the makyn off this byll, desyryng the sam off zow and all my gowde ffrendis in tha partis. Weit ze that I hayff rasawit zowr writyngis fra Pate Nesbet, and hays spokyn with hym at lencht. Ferder, ye sall weit at ffrendis in Schotland has byddyn me adwertyns zowr that ze sall speyk with Master Adem Oterbowrn, or cawis sown tentyk man to speyk with hym as ze thynk expedient, for he hays bot small trayst in Schotland, as thai trast, and pray hym to be gowd in to my mater and zowrs, and ze may promys hym thar for as ze thynk expedient, for hys word may do gowd at this tym. Thar for I pray zowr that ze wyll lawbor to hym all zowr wysdomm thynkis expedient, for frendis trowis that ze may lawber weyll with hym, thar for he may be spokyn with thar withoutt ony suspcion. And ferder, I pray zowr to desyr the Kyngis grayce to byd my Lord Wylzem to speyk to the Kynge of Schotland effectwusle for me, for thai trayst that he wyll get an gowd answer, for tym that my Lord Wylzem speyk thar is othir that wyll help gowd putis in the tym, for thai trayst that it wyll be weill tayn with, sa

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that he speyk frefuly, as thai trayst that has adwertysit me. Thar for I pray zow that ze wyll desyr the Kyngis grace, and my Lord of Norchtwolk, and the sacrater, to byd him speyk in that mater, as ze and I sall adwertys hym off that and all othir thyngis at his cowmyn, with the grace of God, and ze sall weit for othir thyzandis in to Schotland, the clarge is sitand on an generall cownsell in to Edynbrowge apon an serthen artykillis that the Kyng hais put to them. The Kyng is nocht in to the town hym selff, and werra few temperall lordis; and at the makyn off this wrytyn the Kyng was in Crawffurd Jhon in Cledysdol, and send his writyn to Edynbrowge to the clarge. The bereris off this writyn was Schyr Jamys Hamylton, and Nycoll off Crawffwrd, and Mayster Jamys Fowlys.

This was the pwntis of the Kyngis charge and command, as I was adwertesit, bydand the clarge gyff owr the crospresandis and the owmest claycht throw all Schotland, that thai sowld be na mayr teynd, and at ewere man swld hayff hys awn teynd, payand tharffor for his teyndis syklyk as he payis to his landis lord off his malys, and na mayr, for all his haill tendis; and Schir Jamys and the tothir twa sayd to the clarge, and thai grantit nocht to that at the Kingis command that thar sowld be an charge layd to them that he swld ger them set all thar the temperall that the kyrk hau to few, and to hayff for it bot the ald mayll syklyk as the ald rentalys berys. The kyrkmen off Schotland was newer sa ewyll content. The word is now throw all Schotland that the Kyngis wyll meit, for them that was ferest agayn it in to Schotland, sayis that the Kyng wyll meit his wnkyl, with the grace of God, and trastis nocht ellis for thir thyzandis that I writ to zow that the man that schow me tham com fra the Kyng to Edynbrowge, and hard the charge gyffin to them, with thir thre that I wrait off befor. Nocht ellis as now, bot God hayff zow in his kepyn. Writyn at Berwyk, the xxiiij day of March.

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

To my broder, Gorge Dowglas, be this delywerit.

129. THE SAME to the LORD PRIVY SEAL OF ENGLAND, as to procuring pardon from King James the Fifth through the influence of the King of France. Berwick, 30th September [1536].¹

MY LORDE, I commende me righte hartely unto your good lordshipe. Pleased the same to wite, the King of Scottis is departid out of Scotland, accompanid

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

with v sheppes, and, I ame advertisised, did arrive in Depe the x dai of Septembere, and departid the nixt dai out of the same, and x horsses with him, and whether he is gonue I trust your lordshipe knowithe better thane I. He has tayne with him out of Scotland the Erelies of Argile, Arrene, and Roiththose, the Lord Fleimyng, the abbottis of Arbroathe and Kenlosse, with diverse knightes and gentlemene. It is said that he has the numbere of iiij or iiiij hunder mene with him. He has left governouris behind him of the realmme, the Erelies of Huntlie, Montrosse, and Aglinton, the Lord Maxwell, with the Archebishops of Sanctandrowes and Glasco, beyng Chaunceeler; for his retorning home no mane knowes here. As for other newes, ther is non in thes parties. My Lord, I most hartely desir yow to be so good unto me, that yow wold move unto the Kingis highnes, if it mighte stand with his most gratiouuse pleasour, to write to his ambassadouris now beyng with the Fraunce King, desiring theme to move the Fraunch King that he wold desir my pardone, and my broders, of the King of Scottis; shewing to the said Fraunce King we never offendid, but semistraly doune to, by counsell of our small ffrendes beyng about the said young King of Scottis. I trust, if the said King of Scottis marie with the Fraunce King, he will denye no reasonable thing that he will desir of him, and this is but a small mater amongis princes, and I trust the Fraunce King will do the best he cane at the Kingis highnes desir. If we were at home in our countray, we might do the Kingis graice better service than we do here, and without charges, where now we putt his gracie to great charges and may do him but small service, of the which I ame sorie, for if I might maik a hunder thousand, they and I shuld be at his graces commandemente. I will never sonce for no way of the King of Scottis but by the Kingis highnes meanes here, and if this my small petitione ma stand with the Kingis pleasour, I desir your Lordshepe to be so good lorde unto me as to maik hast the Kingis writtingis unto the Fraunce Kinge, for I fere the King of Scottis will tary in Fraunce as shorte while as he may. My Lorde, I besuche your lordshepe to pardon my homelynnes that I ame so bold to charge yowe to tail paynes for me. I ame not abble to deserve it. Desiring your lordeshepe to accept my pour good will, whiche is at your commandement, with my service, as knowithe God, who have your lordeshepe in his keping. At Barwick, the last dai of Septembere,

By youris,

ERL OF ANGUSS.

To my especiall good lorde my Lord Preve Seale.

130. THE SAME and SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS to LORD LISLE, giving an account
of proceedings in the Scots Parliament. 16th March [1542.]¹

AFTER oure hertlie recommendacionis unto zour gud lordschip, pleacit the same be certifyit, we receyvit zour letters from zour servant, Nicholaice Holburn, the xvth of Marche instant, datit at Alnwyk, the xiiiijth of the said month, desyring to knowe whethere the Governoour and we intendis to deliver the Cardinall out of prysoun or not, and howe mony of the lordis come to the parliament, and how mony of thame be wanting, and of . . . ble of parliament what statutis, lawis, or actis ar agreit upone, and . . . to common of the maryage to be had betuix the Kingis majeste and our princes, and what lyklihoide we have tharin, as zour said letter mare largely propertis.

My Lord, pleacit zour gud lordschip, as twiching the deliverance of the Cardinall out of firmane that he is in presentlie, thare is greate sute maid be divers greate men within this realme for the same, but we perceyve none apperance tharof, nor zit shall he be deliverit sa fer as we may mak impediment. And as twiching the convencion of the lordis to the parliament and procedinge tharinto, the parliament begane the xijth of Marche, and in the wylk aftre, thare convenit in the toune of Perth, th'eres of Huntlie, Ergyle, Murray, and Boithwell, with one greate nowmer of bischoppis and abbotis, baronis and knyghtis; and so the forsaidis lordis sent the Bischop of Orknay and Schir Johue Campbell of Caldour, knyght, uncle to th'erle of Ergyle, with certane articlis to my lorde governour and counsal being with him; and one of the principall articlis was to put the Cardinall to liberte; and one uther was that the New Testament shulde . . . abroide. The thridd article was that the governour shulde be usit and counsalit be thame in all th'affairis of the realme. The ferde was that th'ambassiatouris that ar contenit in the saulfconduct come fro the Kingis majeste, that thai wald not be contentit that thai shuld pas in England, but wald have otheres of thare chesing. My lord governour, with avise of ws and of his counsal, made thame . . . finall aunswer that he wald grant thame no suche unreasonable desyris. And incontinent after the departing of the said bischop and knyght, we sent one heralde of armys unto the saidis lordis at Perth, chargeing thame, under the payne of traysoun, to cum and serve the governour for the welth of the realme, according to thare dewite and allegyaunce. Thir forsaidis lordis pretendit to have made one partie, if thai had bene able; and my lorde governour and we

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agane preparit oureselvis with all the gentillmen and servyng men that langit unto ws to one gud nowmer, and one well favorit cumpany purposing to procede in our parliament, in dispyte of all thame wold say the contrarie ; and than the saidis lordis saying this that thai mycht not mak thare partye gud, th'erle of Huntlie sent unto the governour and to ws, saying that he wald cum and do his dewite to the governour, and mouche the rather for our cause, considering the proximite of blude that was betuix ws. And so, be our advise, the governour was contentit to geve him assurance to cum and serve him in the said parliament. And so the said Erle come in one Soonday, the xijth of Marche, and one Monday, the xijth of the same, th'erle of Murray sent and desyrit he mycht cum and serve the governour, and we acceptit him in lyk maner ; and upone Tuysday th'erle Boithwell sent to ws one letter, and desyrit ws that he mycht cum and serve the governour in this present parliament, and we movit the same to the governour, and he being contentit tharwith, the said Erle Boithwell come in one Weddynnisday, the xiiith of this month, and all the clergy, boith bischoppis and abbotis, com into the said parliament upon Sounday the xijth herof ; and so all the greater men [of] Scotland convenit to the said parliament, boith spirituall and temporall, excepte th'erle of Ergyle allan[erly], who is sore seik, and send his procuratoris with his two uncles to mak his excuse, the xvth of Marche. And so, my Lord, we have procedit in the said parliament as hereafter followis :—In the first, we have devisit ambassiatouris to go strecht unto the Kingis majeste ; that is to say, Schir Williame Hammiltoun and Schir Janes Leirmonth, with one large commissiou. And as twiching the maryage of my Lorde Princee and the Quenis grace, we have concludit that ze shall have the maryage of the said Quene and to contracte the same be thir said ambassiatouris and the governour and realme of Scotland to be the Kingis faithfull frendis at thare poweris, before all otheris realmes. This is the first poynt that we have concludit in parliament.

Secundlie. Whare th'erle of Arrane was chosin governour before be one small nowmer of lordis, now he is ratify[it and a]pprovit be all the thre estatis in parliament, governour and secund persone of this realme.

Thridlie. The pretendit processes of forefalture injustlie led agains ws with the Lorde Glammys, our sister sone Archibald Douglas, our unclis sone James Douglas of the Parkhed, and Alexander Drummond of Carnoch, be the King of Scottis, whom God assoilze, was retretit and ordourly reducit this Thursiday, the xvth of Marche, and we restorit againe to [our] honouris, fames, landis, and guidis, in the same stait that we war in of before, and as zit we have procedit no forder ;

but, as we have maid mencioune in thir saidis thre artickles, it has bene the maist substanciall parliament that evir was sene in Scotland in ony mannis remembrance, and best furnist with all the thre estatis, and by that one greate nowmer of gentilmen and servyng men, the multitude is alsomuche as this toune and Leith may perfurnis and luge. And as we proceid to th'end of this parliament we shall hereafter advertise zow.

Als ze shall wit that thare come one Scottis schipp furth of France, the xiiiijth of Marche instant, and has declarit unto the governour and ws that therle of Leuenax is to be here schortlie, and with him in cumpany one of the Frenche Kingis counsale, and sone efter him shall cum the Duke of Guyse or his sone, with tuelf thouusand man of warre, and, as it is thocht, for no pleasure [of] the governour nor ws, because t[hai] think we ar not gevin to the Frenche cast, but to follow the pleasure and contentacioun of the Kingis maieste, whiche we trest, be the grace of God, this zoungh gentilman the governour, with th'advise and counsall of ws, will do the same. Thare is tuelf Frenche schippis maid reddy in the New Havin, as we are informit, and purposis to put to Bryst, in Bertaynz, and thare to tak in thare men, and to cum about be the west see, and intendis to land at the west parteis of Scotland about Dunbrytane; and if [it] mycht stand with the Kingis pleasure that he wald resist thame be the way with his schippis, that wald be one greate confort to this zoungh gentilman the governour, and als to the moist part of this realme, and be one occasioun to draw the hartis of the hoill people unto the Kingis purpose. Tharfore we can do no les nor to advertise zour lordschip of thir affares, not doubting but ze will certify the Kingis majeste and his moist honorable counsale of the same with diligence, and as newis occurris here we shall advertise zow from tyme to tyme. And farther, pleacit zour gude lordschip, that we moist be sutouris unto zow for one ship of fourscore tonn or within, to go in France to bring ws home stuf and wynes to oure housses, and suche persones to be in the said schip as after followis; that is to say, Williame Mowbray and James Malt[man] Scottismen, with the nowmer of xx^{ti} or xvj mari[neris] and servandis with thame, saulfie to pas and repas, be the Kingis moist gracious majesteis conducte. And als that it wald stande with zour lordschips pleasour that we mycht have one writing of zouris that Williame Adamsoun, burges of Edinburgh, Robert Crage his factour, and Williame Fyn, skypper of one schipp of fourscoir tonn or within, may surelie pas and repas to Denmark or Danskin with merchandice, and return agane to England with victuales, and to be [un]trublit be ony Englisch schippis, with the

nowmer of twenty personis [or] within. And what steid or pleasure we ma do to zour gude lordschip it shalbe reddy at all tymes, as knowis God, who mot preserve zour lordschip eternalie. Writtin at Edinburgh, the xvij day of Marche 1542.

[Yours] at power,

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS,

be[f]ore [a]ll wyt serwes,

GEORGE DOWGLAS.

To the ryght honorable and our very gude lorde, the Admirall and Wardane of England foranest Scotland.

131. INSTRUCTIONS by KING HENRY THE EIGHTH to SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS,
regarding the proposed Alliance between the Kingdoms. [May 1543.]

AS CONCERNINGE the mariage of the daughter of Scotland with my Lorde Prince, the same to be passyd and agreyd on by treatye with thies conditions followinge.

Furst, that her person be delivered into this realme to the Kinges majeste, or the said Lord Prince, at hir age of 8 or tenne yeres at the farthest.

Item, incontinently after this treatye passed and agreyd, hostages to be layd in to the Kinges majeste, to the nombre of six erles and barons, or there heires, suche as the Kinges majeste shall have cause to be contentyd with all, and also two of the bussshops, if the same may be attayned ; whiche pledges shalbe bounde for the deliverye of the said doughtor at the yeres above specified.

Item that, in the meane tyme of her demore in Scotlande, the said doughtour shalbe in the custodye of suche Scottishe lordes and noblemen as be alredy appointed there by parliament, the Lordes Erskyn and Seton only excepte ; and that for her education, instruction, saulf and holsome noriture, his highnes may apoint and place such aboute her person, Englisshe folke or other, as his majeste shall think expedient.

Item that, aftre her deliverye into this realme the mariage shalbe solemnised betwene my Lord Prince and her, at her age of 12 yeres at the furdest.

Item finally, that at such tyme as she shall in the realme of Englonde atteyne the state of Quene, she shall have and enyoys as grete a dower as moste commonly Quenes of this realme have had and enyoys.

As concerning the perpetuall peax, the same shalbe passyd according to th'articles of the last peax with Scotlande, th'exception of Fraunce beinge pretermytted and lefte out, and with this provision, that whome soever the Kinges

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majestee, or the partie of Scotlande, shall comprehende generally or specially, it shalbe added, that if the same comprehendre deteyne or withholdre any lande, possession, or pension from the Kinges majeste or the partie of Scotlande, the same comprehendre shall not enjoye the benefite of that comprehension, ne shall not be of the Kinges majeste or of partie of Scotlande, ayded, assisted, favored, or holpen in any wise, ne any of the parties of the Kinges majeste, or Scotlande, shall suffre any suche, or any of his or their subiectes, to have trafique, intelligence, or entrecourse emonge them ; reserving also unto theim self, by speciaill covaunant, libertie for eche of theim to ayde and assiste eche other, for the wages and stipende of the requirent, against those persons so comprehended.

Item, if it may be opteyned, the hostages and pledges which shalbe apointed to lye for deliverye of the doughtour, shalbe also bounde for observation of the peax, untill such tyme as the said doughtour shalbe actually delivered unto the Kinges majestes handes.

As concerning the state of the Governour, the Kinges majeste is right well contentyd that, the foresaid treatyes of mariage and peax beinge ones passed and concluded, and the said Governour contynuyng his devotion and inclination to the Kinges majeste, conformable to that he hath hitherto shewed, and using the counsell of suche noble men of Scotlande as hitherto he hath done, that he shall enjoye the same governourship duringe the noneage of the said doughtier, and shall have convenient and reasonable suplye and mayntenaunce of his majeste for the Governours supportation and defence against all such as wolde empesche the same : and that furdyrmore the said Governour shall enjoye to his use, and susteyninge the charges of the affayres of the realme, the rentes, prouffites and commodities of the said realme of Scotlande, duringe the nonage of the said doughtour ; reservyd always and exceptyd suche a portion of the said rentes, revenues, and commodities as may be convenient for mayntenaunce of the state of the said doughtour, as to her dignite and degree apperteyneth.

Finally, as touching deliverye of the prisoners and there pledges, the Kinges majeste is contente that, the foresaid treatys of mariage and peax being passed, concluded, and ratifid, and according to the purporre of the same hostages delivered for the performaunce of theim, in suche wise to use the said prisoners with there pledges in that bihalf, as they shall have cause to recognise, knowledge, and confesse his majestes greate humanite, liberalite, and goodnes towards theim, and to bere there hartye love and affection contynuelly hereaftre towards his highnes for the same.

Moreover, the said Sir George Douglas muste also remembre to obteyne a revocation of the former commission and instructions given to Hamylton, Leyrmonth, and the Secretarye, and to returne autorised in such wise as th'ere of Glencarne, he, and th'other thre, may have commaundment to passe over thies matters, without respecte of any other commission or instructions, then suche as shalbe newly sent by the said Sir George in his returne, which shall conteyne no other mater ne otherwise qualified, then in this present memorial is conteyned.

132. JAMES, EARL OF ARRAN, to SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS and others, with private instructions to treat with the English King. [6th May 1543.]^{1]}

AS CONCERNING the ouverture maid to ws be the Kingis ambassatour, saying that, yf we wold persew the mater, his majeste wold be contentit to bestow his maist noble dochter, Lady Elizabeth, apone our sone and air, for the greate affection that his majestie beris unto ws, our house and blude; we for the same gevis maist humble thankis unto his majeste, in so farre as it hath pleasit his hieghnes of his singular humanite and grete gudenies to do ws so moche honour, and lawlye hym self so farre as to accept our sone, being of small abilines in comparison of his royll majeste, so tenderly, as to marke hym for his awin dochter. And besekis the Kinges majeste noct to regard in this caise our present estate, that may no ways be conferrit with so greate ane prince, bot rather our faithfull hert, that is and salbe reddy at all tyme to deserve the guidnes of his majeste. And, for bringin of this mater to perfectioun, yf it be the Kingis pleasure, ze shal in our name lawly desyre his majeste to be contentit that ze treate apone the same, and therrefir, conforme to zour commissioun, accomplishe the contract of mariage betuix the said Lady Elizabeth and James Lord Hammiltoun, sone and apperand air to ws James Erle of Arrane, Governor, and second persone of Scotland; noct doubting bot the Kingis majeste apone the said contract will so provide for the said lady and hir parte, as accordis to th'estate of suche ane princesse.

JAMES G.

133. THE SAME to the EARL OF ANGUS, in reference to the English Ambassador. Lindores, 16th November 1543.²

GUBERNATOR.

RYCHT traist cousin and counsalour, we commend ws hertlye weill to zow. That be caus to ws and the lordis it was cleirlie understand that Schir Raufe

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

² *Ibid.*

Saidleir, imbassatour to the King of Ingland, daylie directit and resavit priuat writingis to and fra syndrie grite menn and smal within this realme, quhill think wes weray suspitious and contrarious to the commone weill of Scotland, spetialye in tyme of weyr: Thairfor the said imbassatour wes chargit to addres hym towert ws, and schew his commissione, gif he had ony of the King of Ingland, and resave ansuer thairupoun; and gif his forsaid commissione wes expirit, to depart always furtht of this realme; quhilk charge wes gevin to the said ambassatour in zour hous of Temptallone, and he, nochtwithstanding the samyn, remanis still practisand priuatlie amangis oure soverane ladeis liegis, corrumpand, be money and wthir syndrie ways, grete menn of the realme, to the evident supplanting and undermynding of this cunitrey and faithfull subgettis thairof. Heirfor we pray zou, trest couising, in our maist hertlye maneir, that ze dewoyd and caus the said imbassatour depart out of zour said hous of Temptalloune within ane schort space aftir the resiett of thir our letters, for zour awin weilfair, and eschewing of grete murmur wr of the subgettis of this realme, and to avacuat the suspitione rissin of zow, quhilk ze doing sal restoир zou to the luf and favor of the nobill and gret menn of the realme, and caus the uthir smal menn do the samyn, and desist fra thir gret murmur hed be thame towert zow. And thus, trest couising, fairweill. At Lendoris, this Fredday, the xvij day of November 1543.

Zour gud frind,

JAMES G.

To our traist couising and consalour, Archbald Erle of Angus.

134. THE SAME TO THE SAME. Further as to the English Ambassador.

Linlithgow, 26th November [1543].¹

GUBERNATOR.

RIGHT traist couising, after hertly commendatioun, we have resavit zour writing fra Rothesay Herauld, bering in effect that ze belevit not we woold haif bene discontent that Schir Rauf Sadlier had bene entretit in zour place of Temptallone, and now seing ws alterit touertis him, ze desyre ane charge, subscrivit be all the Lordis, to put him fourthe of zour house; and trewly, gif he had usit himself like ane embassatour this tyme bigane, we wald nocht haif bene discontent of his treatment, bot knawand na thing done be him according to sic an office, seand daylie his gret practiques maide to seduce and corrupe trew faithfull subgettis of

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

this realme to the opinione of England in this tyme of weir, na way resortand towertis ws, in quhois handis standis the auctorite of this realme, we thocht necessar to charge him to depart, and zow to devoyd your hous of him. And quhaire ze desyre the hail Lordis to send you ane charge thairto, we fynd it straunge that ze suld think our autorite insufficient to discharge ane Inglyssman of this cuntry in tyme of weir. Quhairfor we have send the said Rothisay agane unto zow, to charge zow in the name of the Quenis grace and of ws (conforme to your desyer), that ze caus him pas heimewart to his awne cuntry, desyering zou to obey the samyn, as ze luif to declaire zour self wilfull to do zour dewite to the Quenis grace and this realme. And thus, ryght traist couising, fare ze weill. Of Lynlythquo, the xxvj day of November.

Zowr gud frend,

To our right traist couising the Erle of Angus.

JAMES G.

135. THE EARL OF ANGUS to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, renewing professions of service. Dalkeith, 5th March [1544].¹

AFTER my most humble recommendation of service. Pleased your majestie, that I wold be verie glad to knowe that your highnes wer fullie perswadid of my faithfull mynde, the wiche shall indure the tym that I have to leve, with the uttermost of my powour, ever to be reddy to your majesties contentatioun, notwithstanding the contrary hath bene vehementlie shewed to your highnes: trusting yow be perswadid with the trewthe, as concerning my part herein, or now; not doubting your majestyes good mynde and benivoliens toward me in all sortes, ewen as your highnes alwayes has done; and geve credens to this berar, your majesties chapeleine, as to my self, the which will declare my holl mynde to your majestie at more lenthe. Wreten at Dalkethe, the fyft of Marche.

Your graces most humble with service,

To the Kinges most royll majestie.

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

136. SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS to SIR RALPH EURE. State of affairs in Scotland. [February 1545].²

MEMORANDUM. I dissayre zow tillc excuse me that I vos so lang in sending the Lard off Blaketer towart zow; the cawss vos that ther is cummit in 2 Frenche schippis this Frayday the 11 off Fabruer.

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

² *Ibid.*

Secundlie, for newis owte off Franse, ther is vraytingis cummit to the Queyne, Guvernour, and Cardenelle, makeing mensiou that ther is ane gentille man callit Lacroise, quiche departit letlie furht off Scotland, and returnis agane in tille ane Scottis schippe callit the Layon, and bringis with hym the ordur off Franse to the Guvernour, and fowrte thowsant crownis in mony, for to support ws with now presentlie : he beis here in all heste possible.

Thridlie, Capitane Lorge Mongommere cummis in this monht off Merche, and bringis with him sax thowsant men, vagit and vittelit for sax moneht, and 4 hundreht thowsant crownis off the sonne for to fwrmis vajurs off Scottis men with, for our support.

Feyrdlie, ther sal ane erme cum owt off Franse off 40 thowsant men, and the Ducke de Gweisse to be ther capitane generel. Thay sal land in Ingland, and do zow sik displesur, as sal be knawing to alle Crissin prensis, or ellis sal lose ther layvis for it.

Fayfetlie, the Emperur and the Frenche King ar apoyntit, and veille agreeit in alle thingis, and sayis that the Emperur vilbe zour ennemie. The Frenche King hes been sore seyke ; hie is veille amendit, and departit frome Fontayne Blewe to Amboysse. I ville nocht say to zow that alle thir teydens off Franse ar trewe ; bot off honeste I saw vraytingis apon the sam, that ar cummit owte off Franse with gret deligense.

Saxtelie, I heif cawsit my broder, the Erle off Anguse, to delayver his commioun off leutenterie in afore the Guvernour and Conselle, making mensiou that the promissets that vas made to him vas nocht kepit. Thay cowld feinde no man to excepe the office. Thay requayrit off me qhow this contray sowld be diffendit, and I saide the Guvernour sowld diffende it, for it vas hes office, and he hade bothe the profit and the plesour, and vas ane luste zung man, and meit to be exersit in varefare, and my broder sowld be redde to serve the Queynis auchtiorite, siklayk as uder nowbille men off the realme didde. The Guvernour vald nocht discharge him off his office ; nocht the lese I sal cawse him to wse him selfe in sik ane sorte that ze sal heif no cause to complene off our kayndnes, the King standing gud and grasius prense to wse and our freindes.

Seintlie, I heif vrytting ane letter one to the Kingis mageste, dissayring zow that I may heif ane ansuer off this saming, vith alle lefulle deligense, and that it may be secrift kepit, for it is nolese nor my layffe, if it be knawing.

Aichtlie, I heif movit the Guvernour and Lordis for the entering off the Scottis preysioners, quiche thay heif declarit planelie, that thay sal nocht enter.

Thay ar contentit that commissiunners meit one bothe the saydis, and to intreit apoun the entering off the preysoners, and apon all nder maters concarning the quayetnes of bothe the realmes. I treste that thay vald be contentit to send ane harot for ane salfe condoyt to imbassadoris to pass to the Kingis mageste; bot thay ville nocth that me Lord Leuttenant sal see ther commission or artickillis one to siche tayme that thay be presentit one to the Kingis hienes. Tharfor advartis me agane, if it be the Kingis plesor that I sal labour to soliste the Queyne, Guvernor, and Lordis to send ane harot for ane salfe condoyt to this affecke or no.

Nayntlie, me think it vore gud that the Kingis mageste, if it may stand with his moste grasius plesour, make proclamasions one the Bordurs bothe off Ingland and Scotland, and to send ane harot with his cotte of armur apon him, declaring tille al tho that vald favore and assiste to the peax and contracke off mariage, that vas made at Loundon be the Imbassadors off Scotland, heifing fowle commission tille complete and ende this sam, and vos fowlie endit one bothe the partis, and ther after falslie broking be ewille Scottes men, to the gret hurt and damage off the contray, and to ther gret dishonur and manefeste falset that so didde. Nocht the lese all gud drew Scottis men, that ville favore and assiste to the honour off our sovereign ladye the Quenys grace, the common veille and quayetnes off ther realme, and to manteine and fortefie the fore saide peax and contracke, thay sal be favorit and diffendit be the Kingis mageste off Ingland, bothe ther bodis, landis, and guddis, and taking and exceptpit as trewe men; and thay that ville do the contrare sal be persecutit with faire and sworde to the moste extremitie. This artekille being vaislie set furht, I treste swrlie it sal cawse the moste parte off Scotlante to favore the Kingis openion, he performing this sam in dede, and to put him to na coste nor chargis: for ze heif beine to crowelle als veille apon zour freindis as ennemis, in sa fare that the hole pepille belevis that and ze be maisters ther is no thing bot detht to thaim alle, man, veymen, and chaylde. Therfor ther moste be comfort agane to bring ther hartis toward zow, in howpe off gentile handeling tille tho that ville assent to zour openions, and to gar yaim understand yat it is ane common veille, and no particuler mater off zours. Veisdome, mixte with forse, ville helpe miche in gret affares.

Tentlie, I am sore sklanderit for my spayking vith zow, bothe vith the Queyne and Guvernor; nocth the lese ville the Kingis mageste handille thir maters vaislie, his hienes sal heif my service, God nocth offendit, my powre honeste sawit, and that it may stand with the velth off bothe the realmis, and the saifte off Cristen pepille, and quayetnes off this sam; quiche I pray God send his grece amangis wss.

Leyntlie, I dissayre zow hartlie to remember my powre freindis, and be gud one to thaim, quiche sal geif me occasion to serve vith the better hart; for trewlie I and my friendis hes hade more hurht be Ingland nor ony man within the realme of Scotland, I never offendig to his mageste, as I take God to my record.

12. I dissayre zow hartilie to remember to vrayt one to the Kingis hienes, yat ze mycht heif ane letter derekit one to me Lorde zour fader, and zow, char[g]jing this sam to gar delayver one to me my copebairde off plate, quiche his hienes geif me in ravard, quhone I vas imbassador laste at Louondon; with letters, rayment, mony, and alle uder stufte, that I sal sufficientlie prove mayne. It is to smalle affecke, and his hienes ville nocht regarde the laytille profit off it, and it is no gudnes that siche ane lowde fallo, that hes marit my ostes, sowld heif my guddis, that he hes no ryght nor taytillie to. I wald that ze sowld nocht make me Lord zour fader preve to this, quhil that the Kingis vrayting com to zow. I heif vraytting no thing in my vrayting to the King twiching this sober afare, bot refaris it to zour veisdome, dissaying zow to do in this and alle maters that langis to me, as it vere zour awne, and I sal do no lese to zow.

137. SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, deprecating his Majesty's displeasure. Edinburgh, 15th February [1545].¹

PLESIT zour moste grasius hienes, that I heif spoking with zour servitur Schir Raiffe Euerie, Varden of the Middle Marchis, quhome to I heif declarit the affers off thir partis now presentlie. I durst nocht be so bauld as to vrayt one to zour mageste, for I vos informit that ze vore so displesit at my sempilnes, I being innocent off ony cryme toward zour hienes, bot ever heifing in my rememberense the grete nobelite, honur, and gentilnes schouit be so rayelle ane prence to so poure ane man, I nocht being vourde to rasave this same, bot geifing thankis to God, praying for grece to abille me to do service that my gud ville mycht be schouit and exceppit vith zour hienes. The cawse off my vrayting at this present vas, yat Schir Raiffe Ewere said one to me, that hie trestit that zour mageste vas nocht so miscontentit vith me as I vos informit: that made me to be so bauld to dessayre most humblelie that I mycht knaue zour plesur; and quhat service zour hienes ville command me vith, quiche sal ever be redde to the plessur off God, zour moste honorble contencion, and velcht and quayetnes of bothe the realmis. And that I may knaw zour moste grasius plesur in vrayting, quiche vil nocht be ane laytille to my comfort.

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

As knawis the blisset Lord, quho presarve zour moste rayelle mageste. Vritting at Edinbruchg, the 15 off Fabruarie,

Be zowr grases wyt most lawle serves,

GEORGE DOWGLES.

To the rycht hie, excellent, and mychte prence, the Kingis mageste off Ingland.

138. THE SAME to THE SAME. Affairs in Scotland. Lauder, 25th February [1545].¹

PLESIT zour moste grasier hienes, that I rasavit zour letter at Lawdor the 24 off Februar, datit at Vostemaster the 19 off the sam, quiche makis mension off the rasette off my letter vith carten communecation that vas betuix Schir Raife Ewerie and me, and that I sowld heif confessit yat I feird zour magestes displesur towart me. I vas so informit, and is veray glade to heif zour moste grasier fawor ; [for] I never dissarvit tille heif no displesur, bot bade extremelye at zour magestes opinion, one to siche tyme that I vos put in the castelle off Edinbruchg in preyson, and ther kaypit long, and hade losid my layfe, if God hadde nocth provaydit zour gracie arme to cum in Scotland ; and in the present tyme off my proysonment, zour magestis subjettis brownt and distroyit and tuke avaye alle my guddis, and alle my freindis guddis and servandis that longit to me. I hade ane thowsant lib. vorst off hurt more nor ony Scottis man within Scotland, notwithstanding my trew servis towart zour mageste, quiche, I take God to my recorde, that being advartiste off zour magestis hie displesur contrare me, and off my gret hurtis that I heiff taking be zour subjettis, I vos constrenit off forse for to take sikane layfe in Scotland as I mycht heif. Therfor I trest, if zour grece had knawing the truch, ze vald not alage no falis in me, quiche sal be sore to committe ony, bot alwayis to remember zour gudnes and to make siche cawse as ane powre man may to sikane nobille Prence off honur.

And quhare zour magestis plesour is to vrayt that the Scottis is informit that ze sowld stande extreme one to tham, if ze vare maister off this ralme, and yat ze vald make the gentillemen no better nor schepherdis, I declarit siche vourdis to Schir Rauffe Ewere, for I heire the reporte acordenlie : and, bi reson off the extreme vare that is usit off killing veymen and zung childerling and Scottis preysoners that cummis furht frome Ingland, heris reporting off gentille men, saying that zour mageste ville heif ane plane conqueisse off this realme, and that ze ville

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

keille man, veyman, and chayldring. This broyt puttis ane gret fere in the pepillis hartis, and turnis ther hartis clerelie frome zow: vith gentille handeling and gud vourdis, ville turne the favur off the pepille, quiche may be ane gret helpe to zour magestes affares. And farder, quhare zour magestes plesour is to vrayt that the Queyne and Guverner and nobilis off this realme makis swtte for the intreting off the mariage betuix the Prencis grace zour magestis darrest sonne and the Queynis grece our swveren ladye, and to heif peax and quayetnes betuix thir two ralmis; at my laste commoning vith Sir Raiffe Ewerie, hie schowe one to me that zour mageste vald nocht be contentit to trete upon ther maters, bot if ze hade the Scottis prysoners ferst enterit, and thereafter imbassadurs sowld heif ane pasporte to cum to Darneton to zour magestis leutenenent, and ther to schowe ther commissiounis and artickillis to my saide Lorde. Thir maters I movit to the Guverner and Lordis. The Queyne vas departit frome Edinbruchg to Sterling or my returning; and I fand the Guverner and Lordis nocht at the entering off the prysoners, nor at the schowing off the imbassadours commission, nor artickillis to zour magestes leutenenent, and be the resson heiروف yt procedit no farder in thir maters on to the tyme that I [know] zour moste gracieus plesour; bot now according to zour maynde I sal move thir maters as it come off my selfe one to the Queyne, Guverner, and Lordis. Bot I may nocht send zour grace so haste ane ansur as ze dissayre, for thir cawsis; the Queyne is in to Sterling, the Guverner is in Lawder, within 10 meile off Gedbruchg, and the Lordis the moste parte off tham ar at home in ther awne contrays. Never thelese I sal labour als diligentlie as it sal be to me possible, tille knawe ther parfayt maynd in thay behalvis, and thereafter sal not falle to geif zour mageste swre advartisement vithowte ony drayving off tayme off deleyis, for I ville nocht falle to do my ute power in the setting fordwart off thir gud varkis, quiche I treste, be the plesour off God, the sawing off Crissting blude oneschade, and velhte off bothe the ralmis: I sal praye for grece that this purpos my cum to ane gud parfection. I sal, als schortlie as I may, heif parfayt knawlage to advartis zour mageste, and sal be glade to set fordwart the uneing off thir two ralmis, to the plesur of God, resonable satisfaction off zour mageste, to the beste of my laytille power. As knawis God, quho presarve zour hienes. At Lawder, the 25 off Februare.

Be zowr grascis wyt serwis,

GEORGE DOWGLAS.

To the ryght hie excelland and mychte prence the Kingis mageste off Ingland.

139. SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS to SIR RALPH EURE, as to restoration of his personal property. 25th February [1545].¹

EFTER my hartlie comendasions, I rasavit the Kyngis vrayting with ane vder off yours at Dalkyth, the xxijij of Februer, the Guvernor vas departing toward Lawder at the present, and ze requayre me to make deligense to send ane answr one to the Kingis mageste. I heif send ane letter one to his grace, quiche I dowte nocht bot ze ville gare go schortlie; bot tuiching the affecke off the mater that his hienes vraytis for, it is nocht possible to me to gar him knawe it parfaytie so sowne, bot as I may possible vithoutte ony delayis or drayving off tyme, I sall do my fwle power in thay behalvis, and sal be als glade that it may cum to ane gud affecke as ony man leving sal be. I haif writtin no thing to the Kingis mageste tuiching my plate and vdre gere being in Berruik, bot I dissayre zow hartlie that ze ville vrayt one to his hienes, making mension that I heif movit one to zow to be ane swtur for me that I may heif my gere restorit to me that I sall sufficientlie prove that is mayne. I treste his grace ville nocht refuse this my resonable requeist, and that ze may heif ane comandement to gar delayver it vith the nixte poste that cumis one to zow, and quhat plesr I may do for zow sal be redde one the awld maner, as knawis God, quho presarve yow. At Lawder, the xxv off Februer.

Your lowffing frend,

GEORGE DOUGLAS.

To the ryght honorable mee Lord Varden off the Middille Marches off England aforenense Scotland, etc.

140. THE EARL OF ANGUS and SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS to the EARL OF CASSILLIS. Memorandum by the latter's servant. [March 1545].²

THIS is the credit fra my Lord of Angwse, George Dowglase, and ye Siref of Ar, to be declarit to my maister.

In the ferst, qwhar I reqwerit in my maisteris naim, conforme to his derection, geif that the said Erll and George wald labowr to solest the nobellite of Scotland to mak swit to the Kingis mageste for ane peax, and that the mariage of wr souren lade and my lord prence mycht take effec, and that swerte mycht be fwnd to ye Kengis grace for perfwrmancye of the samin, they declarit boiht to me that they

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

² *Ibid.*

schwld do na lese nor is in ther poweris therto, or one wder thing that they may do to the Kengis magesty, that war nocht contrer the wel of the realme of Scotland, and said they war werrey glaid that be my maistres wryttingis they persewit the Kengis grace dessyrit na conqwest nor destrwtion of that contre, and in one wder thing they thocht them selfis adettit to do the Kengis magesty the pleswr and service that they mycht, and wald do the samin at the wtermast of ther poweris.

Secwendly, I inquerit the Siref of Aer in the samin maner, and qwhat he belewid my Lord of Argyilis mynd wase in the affairris foirsaid ; and he said in that mater he wald do no lese nor wase in his power, bayth for the Kengis gracis pleswr and his dewty to my Lord my maister, and said the Erll of Argyil wald be at this nixt convention in Edinbrwgh, and he belewid fermly that he swld be of good mynd in fwrdering of the peax and mariage.

Thredly, they al consalit my Lord to speid him to the said convention with al diligens, for they beleif in God that thingis schwld be laborit for the part of Scotland to ane ressonabel pwrpois at the said convention, qwhar they wald common at lyncht with my Lord in the saidis afferis.

141. THE EARLS OF ANGUS, ETC., to the EARL OF HERTFORD, advising as to the proposed invasion of Scotland. Melrose, 16th August [1545].¹

RIGHT woorshipfull, after most harty commendatioun. Ye shall understand that we have commoned togither, and is determyned all in oone of unyon to serve the Kynges majesty at th'uttermost of our powers in the setting forwardes of the peax and mariage, whiche we knowe surelie standes with the pleasure of God, the Kynges majestes contentacioun, the common weale and quyetnes of bothe realmes. Therfore we thinke for our opinion (if it standes with the Kinges majesties pleasure) that his grace shulde hastelie prepare his substancious armyes in this tyme of harvest, bothe at th'est and west bordres, provided to remayne a good tyme ; for, withoute long remaynyng, there can no highe purpose be made to the Kinges majestes pleasure. Therfore looke well on that poynte ; and when the Kynges armyes cummes in this realme, ye must set forwardes your proclamacions, declaring howe that your purpose is not to hurte this realme, nor no subject that is in it, that will assist to the sure perfourmyng of the peax and marriage. And, if any noble man please to common with you on the causes aforsaide, ye shall make them sure to their owne reasonable contention. Further, if the Kynges majesty fyndes this opinion of ours good, it will please his grace to send full

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

power with his lieutenaunt to th'effect that we may knowe his highnes speciall good mynde to us, and he our service to the causes afsaide. For we are sure (if the Kinges majeste stand not good prince to us) it wyll retourne to our greate dammage. If the Kynges armes cummes forwardes, it may please his grace to cause them folowe parte of our counsellis, whiche shalbe (wyll God) to the Kynges majestes honour and pleasure. Further, as to this last journey of ours, it was devised by the Quene, Cardinall, and this Frenche capitayne Lorge Mangummary. Huntley fortefeyd this armye at his power, notwithstanding (at shorte) all that they devised was stopped by us, that are the Kynges frendes. Their hole intent was to have besieged the Kynges howses, unto the tyme they had gotten bargayn, but all was stopped, wherof they stooode nothing content. This capitain Lorge will not remayne on our bordres; wherfore the people thinkes it a sure argument that he is not comme into this countrey for our weales, but onelie to put forwardes the pleasure of Fraunce, and to cause us make battell togithers. We praye you make us the most hastie aunswere that possible maye be had, so as we maye knowe the Kynges majestes mynde in all thies affayres; and that we maye be in a readines conforme to his majestes pleasure, we doubt not but yow wooll make us hastie aunswere. And thus we praye God ye fare well. Of Melrose, the 16th of August, by th'Eles of Angus, Marshall, George Dowglas, and Cassillis.

142. THE SAME to THE SAME, desiring precise information as to advance
of English army. Irvine, 9th September [1545].¹ [Deciphered copy.]

MY LORD. Efter most harty comendation. We hawe sein yowr letters dated the ferd dey of this moneth at Newcastel, dessirand ws to be in redines at the ewming of the Kingis majestes arme, not adwertessing ws whon, what partis, in what sort, or what nwmerb they sal cum, that we may order ws thereafter. Consederding the Kingis majestes frendis ar far in sendre pertis, and must do eftir as the pertis ar that the armeis cummis ferst onto, therfor, geif ze think that we sal serwe as the Kingis majestes frendis, as we intend to do, ze man gar ws knew the maner of yowr proceedings, and uis ws as frendis, for ther is none that serwis the Kingis majeste that wil haif sa gret harme and despleswr as we, and the Kingis majestes pwrois cwm not to effect. Herfor we dowt not bot the Kingis majesty wil prowyid al things sa swbstantiwsly, that be apeirance the

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

Kingis majestes pwropois mey tak effec, for his honowr, and the rather for wr cawsis, that on force must leve this contre, and we assest to the Kingis majestes armis, and they be not suffitiently prowydit to remaine to recower strenthis and howsis of them that be contrare the Kingis majeste purposes, sa that ze and we may haif suche garrisons in winter prowydit be the Kingis majeste, as may defend ws, and persw wr enemeis, whon the armeis must reteir, whilk was ewer the principal poynte we wryt to the Kingis majeste, for bwt long taryeing and gret chargis, sa gret a matir as to uny thir two realmes, that hathe bein defferent, kan not be perfectit. Preyand God, we mey se the same. Therfor hast ws knawlege of your cwming, and of your remayning in cais ze get not battel, that we may send yow our adwyis, becaws we sculd haif more experience than they of your contre, howe ze sal best annoy your ennemeis, and pleis your frendis. Not dowting bot your lordschip wil remember ane commision as we wer at his majeste to apoynt with al his frendis in this realme, as we wrote afoir, and remember your proclamasions at your cwming. And thus fare your lordschip hartyll weil. At Irwen, this nynt daye of September, be the Erllis of Angus, Cassilis, and George Dowglas.

To the Lord Lieutenant.

143. SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS to the EARL OF HERTFORD, asking favour for his own friends. Tantallon, 20th September 1545.¹

EFTYR most humyle comendationes of service to zour gude lordschip. I hef hard of the trublis ze hef done in Tividale and Merse, and apperandly lykly till do moir, desiring zour gude lordschip to be gude and favorable to my kynnis folkis and servantis ye Lairdis of Wedderburn, Blaketer, and West Nesbet, and to my landis of Coldingham and Bonkill, for the auld acquaintance and familiarite I hef hed with zour lordschip, traistint ze will grant me this resonable my request for sic lieffull service, as sall be reddy to zou at all tymes; as knawis God, quho hef zou in his keping. At Temtalloun, the 20 day of September 1545.

Be zour Lordschip's, wyt leffaул serves,

GEORGE DOWGLAS.

To my Lord Erle of Harfurd, Lieutennand to the Kingis majestie of Ingland, etc.

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

144. THE SAME to THE SAME. Proposed routes to be taken by the English army. [September 1545.]¹

THUS ys myne opinoun apperandly to bring the Kingis majeste to his purpose.

In the first, that thair be two armeis to cum in Scotland, ane at the west partis, the other at the est partes ; thair vittales to cum up the Firth be schippes, and gif it wilbe thocht that thair is danger to thir schippes be ressoun of the long nichtis, thair is also gude rodes for all maner of wyndis as is in Cristianite, and thairfor thai may be suyr of thair vittales at all tymes conveniently ; for the ane army sall cum from Berwyk langis the se syd to Edinburgh, the other land at Dum-bertane, and meit at Striveleng, bayth the saidis armeis ; bot thai most be providit till remane in this cuntreth quhill thai wyne the strong holdis, and thaireftir to put garnesones in the samyn : that being done, with other discreet handling of the noble men, wyth gentill proclamations to be maid, will upteyne the hartis of the pepill, quhilk will be ane gryte avantagis to the Kingis majestyes effares in thir partes.

Secundly, it wold be done this zeir, or thai had support furth of France or other cuntrieis, and the soner that the King mycht be providit, he sall with the moir eise cum to his purpose ; and gude it wer the Erle of Lennox come in at the west partes wthy that army, for he will fynd mony favorares in thai partes ; that cuntre luffis him, and hese haitrent to the Goverour, and Cardinall ; and that will mak the Kingis majestyeis effaris till go the better fordwart.

Thirdly, ze man adverteis me wthy ane full power of the Kingis majestyeis that how mony noble men and gentill men, that will assist to the peax and contraike of mariagis, salbe onhurt in thair bodeis, landis, or gudis, and that thai salbe rewardit eftir thair gude service, for thai man be weill entrettit that makis gude cause, and scharply put at, that is in the contrar : thair is noble men that lyis in fer partes, that I traist sall be persuadit to this effect : thai ly in diverse partis of the realme, and thairfor we most hef knowlege of the Kingis purpose, befor the tyme of cummyng of the tuay armeis. The Kingis majestie most gif ws traist, gif he will we serve him ; we most nedis knaw of befor for serving of the Kingis majesty according to our honouris. I desyr zow to hef pardoun of my homely writting, for, gif ze will use counsaile, ze sall the rather cum to zour purpose.

Ferdly, ze hef beyne scharpe at this tyme to gentill men that wald hef done service to the Kingis effares, and ze hef sparit the Kingis innemeis ; ze may ken

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

the freindis from the innemeise ; and ze suld nocht hef beyn angre at this tyme with no man that wold hef beyn zour freindis ; for gif ze had maid ws of counsall, and than thairefter thai had faltit, ze mycht hef douen zour plesour to thame ; ze man nocht be so scharp to zour favoraris, gif ze will hef the service of thame that standis of gude mynd towart the Kingis majesteis effaris.

Fyftly, wyse men suld use thair freindis gentilly to gif occasioune to thame to serve weill, and that otheris suld follow the samyn tred ; for all thingis may not be douen be forse, bot mixt wylth wisdome. The Kingis Majeste will never recover this contreth wylth fyir and suerd, bot with gentill handling of his freindis, quhilk I traist micht be done wylth no unressonable chargeis. And I tak unto my record Almychting God, how my mynd hes beyne to the unioun of thir tuay realmes, and saving of Cristin blude unsched ; and, gif it be zour plessour, that I may knaw zour mynd in writyng wylth this berar, quho is traist eneuch.

Sextly, I will desyr no thankis for the gudewill and service I hef done at this tyme, bot, gif it wer knawin to zou perfyly, ze wald say that I am worthy garamercy ; for as I ame trew gentill man, I stoppit the haill purpose of thaim that wes in zour contrar, quhilk I effir soll be schortly to my displesour. Thairfor I desyr zou till advertyses me surely, quhat the Kingis part soll be towart me and the rest of his freindis heir, gif we be trublit for his cause ; for we can hef alse greit favour in this cuntrie, as ony men of the haile realme, we declaring ws extreme innemeis towart zow, quhilk soll never be in our defalt.

145. LORD GREY to the EARL OF SOMERSET, containing plan by Sir George Douglas for the invasion of Scotland. [20th October 1547.]¹

TH'ORDER of an invasion into Scotland, devysed by Sir George Dowglas, to be attempted within a moneth after the date herof or vj weekes at the furdest.

The nombres to be vj thousand men, wherof ij thousand fyve hundred able horsemen, the rest to be footemen on horsbak.

Certayne artyllary, wherof the greatest pece not to excede a demi culveryn.

Victualles in carriages sufficient for iiiij dayes for the hole nombres to serve in an extremytes, and then to marche and harborow every nighte in the townes folowing.

Furst, I the Lord Grey, with iiij thousand men, to go to Jedworth, being xij

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

myles, which towne is able to receave and also vytayle us, and there to remayne oone nighte. Here he wold the Lordes of Fernherst and Sesforth, with the rest of the gentlemen of that part of Tyvydale, shuld be sent for, and proclamacion made, or commaundement geven, that no maner of spoyle ne hurt be done by them or thers unto any of the Kinges majestes armye, but that every of them do endevour themselves to ther succour and ayde for th'advancement of his highenes service, according to ther othe and promys made.

The secounde journey to marche to Selcreke and Hawewyke, being ij myles distant th'one from th'other, and from Jedworth x myles, which ij villages be in like maner able to receave and vytayle us. Here the like commaundement to be geven to the Lord of Bowcloughe and the rest of the gentlemen of the West Tyvydale and the Forest of Etryke.

The third journey to marche to Peples, where the Lord Haye, Lord of Hester, syster's sonne to Duglas, and at this present prisoner here, is shiref of the shyre and principall of the towne, who is contented to submyt himselfe unto the Kinges majeste as others have don, and if your grace pleas to suffer him to departe upon pledges, he may the better make provision for our vitayles and lodginge there. In this place proclamacion to be made, and the refuslers to comme in to be executed with the fyre and swerde.

The iijth journey to Lanryke, the chiefe towne in Cliddesdale, where the Governour is shiref. And the Lord Wardeyn of the West Marches to mete me there with the rest of the nombres afforsaid, where he wold not that any of the Governours name or frendes shuld be receyved upon any condicion, nor yet any others nether, but upon pledges here he wold that th'erles of Anguishe, Castels. Glinkerne, and the Lord Boyde, which is the moost nombre of that part of Scotland, shuld comme in whome he myndeth in the meane tyme to labour and perswade to comme in, and also advertise me of ther towardnes therin before my settinge forwarde, doubtinge that nothinge shall be the let therof, but only the straytnes of that clause in th'articles wherof I have advertised your grace by my lettre. There is in this place ij castelles of the Governour, called Hambleton and Nethen, which Nethen, accompted to be the stronger of bothe, standinge upon a sand and cole grounde, may be wonne as he thinketh.

The vth journey to Glascoo, being xij myles, which is the boundes and rowme of th'erle of Lynneys, where is a castle of the Busshoppes of Glascoo that must be wonne, and th'erle or somme other mete man left therin for the Kinges use; but the countrey so favouring the said erle, he thinketh him moost mete.

The vijth journey to Starlinge, beinge xvij myles. But if we cannot reach it that day, we must harborow in the villages by the way, and the next day marche thider where is no doubt to enter the towne. Here he wold that in case the Dowager of Scotland desyre assurance to remayne in the castle there with the Queene, that I shuld graunt the same. And then I to leave Starling and go to Lythcoo, where is a palais that he belevest to wynne, and there must be left a guaryson, which, if it stand with your graces plesur, he thinketh there is Scottyshe-men that woll take in hand with the Kinges majestes furnyture to kepe it to his highenes use.

And in case the Dowager have assuraunce, then I to retourne to Edenbroughe homward, and perswade the Lordes to go to Starlinge and treat with her to be contented that the mariage may procede. And in case she woll not therunto agree, the Lordes to remayne there in the towne, and kepe her within the castle unto the day of her assurance shalbe expired. And then I to come to Starling, where he doubteth not to wynne the castle in x dayes (if she be within) for default of vittayles, and if she be fled, yet with the canon it mighte be wonne also. And when she and the governour doth fyle, it must of force be either to Dumbrittayne or Argyle. And if this device like not your grace, here followeth another.

I with my nombres to passe to Jedworth, and from thens to Mewrehoues or Lawther, to Dakyth, Newbottell, Mustlebroughe, and Leswade, and so to Edenbroughe. Th'erle of Lynneys and the Lord Wardeyn of the West Marches to passe by Lanryke to Glascoo and burne the Governours countrey, and remayne there tyll they shall know furder from me or elles mete at Starling. And though we mysse the Quene, all the countrey shall be in feare and obeydience unto us from England to the ryver of Furthe.

This is his opynyon to be the best way to wynne the Quene and also the countrey, and thinketh that if we shuld not attempt somme exployt now, the Governour shall or ever the spring bring the countrey to obeydience agayne, and so growe strong to attempt somewhat against us, or at the least to overthrow those that are commen in to us in the favour of the Kinges majestes case. The rather for that he hath intelygens of veryte that there is commynge out of Fraunce by the west sees fyfty thousand crownes, but they bruite it e thousand crownes, and therwith commeth also halfe a skore gentlemen to have the leadinges of the Scottishemen. And th'uttermoost day for the same to arryve there is St. Martyns tyde.

He thinketh it expedient to lay a garnyson in the towne of Dunbarre, where inasmuch, as they have requyred him to be a meanes unto me to receave them into

protection, and that this day I have alredy receyved somme of them, it is easy yngouge to lye notwithstanding the castle. And th'erle Boythewell commynge in to place another company at Herington and in other places in Lothean to the nomber of iiiij thousand men, and then he saith the French King woll never send ayde of men. And for contentacion of th'eres of Lynneys, Anguishe, Casselles, and Glinkerne, with the Lorde Boyde and the Shiref of Ayre, to th'advauncement of the Kinges majestes service, his opynyon is that th'erle of Lynneys shuld have v^e men, and th'eres of Anguishe, Casselles, and Glinkerne, either of them j^e men, and the Lord Boyde l, and the Shiref of Ayre other l. And afterward suppressing the busshopryches and abbayes to take away ther men, and in the lieu therof to geve th'erle of Lynneys the Busshoprich of Glascoo and every of th'other an abbay, wherwith they shall hold themselves contented righte well and the Kinges majeste little charged.

The requestes of George Duglas for his owne parte.

Furst, to have oone thousand pound sterleng even unto him within xv dayes to support himselfe, his frendes and strengthes, in defence against th'auctoryte, and to have a yerly stypend of v^e poundes sterleng, to be payed at Barwyke or Norham to him selfe or his servauntes.

Second, that his frendes and servauntes be not opprest nor enwronged, and if they have any hurt in ther personnes or goodes, the same to be recompensed by the Kinges majeste or my Lord Protectour.

Thirdly, that he may have his goodes, sylkes, money, plate, and apparell that he left in his hostes howse in Barwyke delyvered unto him in xv dayes.

Fourthly, he wyssheth that it mighte stand with the Kinges majestes pleasur to geve him the kepinge of the fort at Aymowthe, and that no man shall medle with the lands of Coldingham but his servauntes in his name, and the Kinges majeste to deffend him in that and all other his possessions.

Fyftly, that he may have recompence for his corne and goodes that he hath lost sins th'armyes commynge into Scotland.

And if any of thise poyntes be broken with him, he to be at libertye, by the consent of the Kinges majeste and my Lord Protectour. And beinge performed, if he breake any parte of his promys, to be taken as a rebell. And if this devises seme not good unto your grace, to be put in use, as in my opynyon the tyme of the yeare woll not serve, what service elles your grace shall commaunde or appoint him to do, he shall moost willingly do it upon Payne to be reputed as is afforsaid.

Your grace, I doubt not, considereth that this man wold not be wonne without money, and albeit he demandeth a thousand pound in hand, yet I doubt not but he will be satisfyed with a thousand markes. And for his goodes in his hostes handes, your graces lettres of commaundement unto his host shall discharge the same, for the man is suffycient ynowe. And for the kepinge of Aymouth if by his service he seme not mete for the same, he is contented to take recompence. And for myn opynyon in the man, I assure your grace by all utter apparence I cannot judge him but to meane faithfully, and assured I am by the reaport of spiall that I charged to attend upon him that he camme not to the Governor nor dare not come in his daungeour, for if he could take him he shuld not come at me any more.

146. LORD GREY to GEORGE DOUGLAS, chiding the latter's inconsistency.

Berwick, 17th January [1547].¹

MAISTER DOWGLAS, I receyved your advertisement by your servaunte Sym Penhangoo this present day, and marveling to receyve tryvelinges from you, haveing loked for better declaracions, and ernestly working before tyme, as your selfe know, for your well and profitte. Nevertheles, as I am sory to fynd lykelyhood that you to whome I have byne frindly shuld so be enemy to your selfe, with overmanyfest declaracions of your untrothe and dishonour, so pray I you, if ye be of better meanyng, that this your doinges gyve occasio to be thought of you, repaire your selfe to Warkworth unto me, and directly declare your selfe as behoveth you to be, also as I shalbe sory to have borne good will to so unconstant a man I will asmoche seake to hyndar as before I labored to further you. And thus spedely lett me have your full resolucion and mynding. And whereas you aske agayne your band for your frindes if they be bounde for them selfes, I assure you I shall not only blott that and all hope of your other promyses out of my boke, but also lerne to hate whome before I have loved (excepte ye declare your selfe an honest and trew gent). Thus far ye well, from Barwike, this xvijth of January.

Your neybour,

WILL'M GREY.

147. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to the EARL OF LENNOX.

Drumlanrig, 22d February 1547.²

AFTER my most tender commendationis unto zour lordshipe, pleis it the same to wit I have hard of zour cuming and my Lord Vardenis toward thir partis, quhair,

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

² *Ibid.*

as I am informit be the Larde of Drumlangrik, that ze ar to cum apone him and apone my freindis; quhairfor I have vritin to my Lord Warden to be gud in that mater, as my vriting beris at moir lenthe, to the quhillk I beleive zour lordship wilbe prewe; praying zour lordship that I may knaw zour gud mynd towart me and my freindis in this jurnay, nocht douting but ze will, as fader this berar will shew zou, quhomto ze shall gyf credence as to my selfe; and God preserve zow. Vritin with hast, at Drumlangrik, this Weddinisday, the xxij of Februar 1547.

Zour father,

To my lord and sone, the Erle of Lennox.

ARD^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

148. THE SAME to LORD WHARTON, giving adherence to agreement betwixt them. Drumlanrig, 22d February 1547.¹

MY LORDIS, after my hartlie and lefull recommendation, I hawe resawit zour letter, dysyring me to performe in deid and set fordwart the godle purposis quhilke zour lordship hes vritin to me oft and dywers tymis of befor, quhairintill zour letter mensoonis that we ar aggreit in our vritingis and als credence of zouris, schawin to me be zour lordships servande, Thomas Carlton, that ze dysyre to speik with me to the performance of the samin. My Lordis, as to the performingyng of the godle purposis, I traist the Kyngis majestes noble consell, my Lorde Protectouris graice, and zour lordship, will nocht put suche mistrait to me, bot think it ane sufficient performance quhair that I send my seill and hand wryt to the performingyng of the samin, quhilke I never brak, nor never intendis to breik; and as twysching our meting at this tyme, I hawe schevin my nynd in that behalfe to zour servand, Thomas Carlton, quho will schewe zour lordship the samin at lenthe; dysyring zour lordship to certifie me with this berar my servand in vriting, yf my freindis and servandis shalbe ontrublit be zow and zouris, onto suche tyme that zour lordship and I may hawe layser to commone, with adwysment of my freindis, quhillk shalbe in all gudle haist, gyf it be zour plesour; and God hawe zour lordshippis in keping. Vritin at Drumlangrik, this Weddinisday, at nycht, 1547.

Be zouris lefullie,

ARD^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

To the ryght honorabill my Lorde Whartone, warden of the west marche of Inglande.

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

149. The EARL OF LENNOX and LORD WHARTON to the EARL OF ANGUS, as to their agreement about the peace and royal marriage. Louger Brigs, 22d [February 1547].¹ [Old copy.]

RIGHT honorable, after hartye and lefull commendacion unto your honorable lordshippe, we have receyvid your two severall lettres of this xxij, wherin your lordshippe wrytteth to have ben of gud mynd to set forwardis the peax and maryedge, ever sen it was promysed, at zour lordships uttermost pouer, and saill contynew in the same, as your lettres declarethe, and have also hard the credence of the Lard a BoneJedworthe and James Lyndsaye to lyke effectis, and trustis that we woll yeve none othere occaseon, advertysing zour lordshippe for anssuer the same whiche ye wryt and sendis by credence is that whiche we cheifly desyere, and, your lordshippe performyng the same, shall joyne with yow therin as apperteyneth, and otherwysse it shall appere to the Kyng his majeste, my Lorde Protectour his grace, my lordis of his highnes most honorable Counsaill, and to all the world, that we shall yeve none occaseon, but shalbe frendly with all thos that shalbe favorers, ayders, and assysters of the godlye maryedge and peaxe, and to our pouris agaynst all thos that resystis the same. We beleve, nowe that your lordshippe and we so ner to gethers and agreing in lettres, woll put the same in good execusion, to your honorable fame and Godis pleasure, who preserve zour lordshippe. Att Louger Brygis, this Wedynsday, the xxij of January [for February].

Your son,

MATHEW, ERLE OF LYNOX,

Your lordshipis lefully,

T. W.

To the ryght honorable th'erle of Angwyse.

150. LORD GREY to ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, intimating the intended destruction of certain places to annoy the French. [4th June 1548].² [Old copy.]

MY verye good Lorde, for the opynion I have ever conceived of you, and for your good disposicione declared of late, I cannot but counte your lordshippe as a frinde

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

² *Ibid.*

to the Kinges majestie, and therfore mynding this nighte to do an entreprise to destruction of some places, as myghte relief the Frenshmen at their commyng, I thoughte good t'advertisse your lordshippe of the same, to th'entent you should not be moved therewith, but consider well that in anoyeng th'enemye and to pluck from theym that maie stande theym in stede men sometyme are compelled to towch their frendes, and sometimes to wast their owen possessions; and therfore if eny of yours shalbe touched in thiese affaires, ye must take it to be done of necessitie and not otherwise, but bothe you and yours shalbe spared somoche as I maie convenientlie, and in that either you or yours nowe shalbe domaged, I promise you sufficient recompence yf ye stonde frendlye in the godly purpose, like as I trust ye will.

151. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to his daughter, MARGARET, COUNTESS OF LENNOX, announcing the destruction of Dalkeith House. Edinburgh, 20th June 1548.¹

DERREST dochter, after my maist tender commendacionis and hertly blissing. This salbe to advertise zou that throw mischance and under traist, as I beleve, the hous of Dalkeith was distroyit, and takein furth of it oure cousing the Larde of Glenbervy, the Maister of Mortoune, George my sone, David Home of Wedderburne, and Alexander Home his eme, praying zou, with avise of zour housband, to se gif ze can get thame or part of them put in frendis handis, and gentilly tretit thare. And specialy the Larde of Glenbervy, that is ane seikly tender mann and has ix motherles barnis, and lat George ly in plegge for him, as zour wysdom thinkis best. And mak my hertly commendacionis to my lord zour housband, and geve credence to this berar my servitour, David Stewart, as to my selff, and God preserve you. Writtin at Edinburgh, the xx^{ti} day of June 1548.

Zour ffather,

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

To my derrest douther the Countess of Leuenax.

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

152. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to MATHEW, EARL OF LENNOX, his son-in-law, expressing affection. 23d February 1549.¹

TH'ERLE OF ANGUSS talkes and message sent to me th'erle of Leuenax, witht my servant, William Patersone, the xxiii day of Fabruuarij 1549.

William Patersone, Scottisman, being at Dowglas for a cast of halkes promist to me th'erle of Leuenax by James Lyndsaye, falconar and servant to th'erle of Anguss, the said erle hering of Patersonis being there, appoynyd, in the dawing of the day nixt following, to mete him without the castell, uppoun the grene, where th'erle of Anguss, as he sayeth, kyndlie askyd whow my Lorde of Leuenax his sone dyd, and his doichtare and there yonge sone, for he wolde be glaid to here [of there]² good weifare. He inquyryd what my lorde his sone thought [of hym]self, and what he intendyd to doo. Ys there noo sekrete thing th'erle haitht byddin the schew to me. Patersone ansueryd, his lordishipp [confi]dit me no thinges in speciall at this tyme, but to bring his h[alkes], and yf I saw zour lordishipp, to commend him to his father th'erle of Anguss, and wolde be glaid he wor in good health and moore kynd [to] him nor he haitht bene in tymes past. Th'erle of Anguss said, Well, seing he haitht send no thing elles to me, I will brek a littill of my mynde to the, for I trust the well eneucht, and haitht gevin the servntis of my landes charge to ressave the at all tymes.

Thow shall declare my doichtare this thing in the worlde [that] I lufe best, and my lorde hir husband, and that yonge boye there [sone], for my chyldren ar deid that thou saw, and yf thei be at heven, well than I am in conforto; and yet I am als strange to there doy[n]ges and procedinges, or whow thei intend to pas over the worlde, as ony innyme thei have; nor I can not se them, nor thei me, whiche brekes my hart. Trowis thow that I wold se ony man aboufe but that man and that boye, whiche ys my bloode; and he haitht bene of a nobble house, and I have sene him lyke a man, and will he do my counsale, I shall ware these ould bones of myne but I shall mak him a man yet. The worlde is veery strange; I have sene mony thinges. Yt haitht bene said in oulde tymes that a Erle of Leuenax and Anguss could have rulyd sum thing upoun this syde Forth. Schew my sone there ys a greate man to cum furth of Franche this yere, [to] tak the rule and autorite of the realme uppoun him. Yt is suspe[ctit] he wilbe strait to greate men heire, and we will abhorrie . . . Franche lawes, and thei be scharpe;

¹ Original in British Museum, London.

² The original paper is burnt at the edges.

and yt is towlde me . . . cousing the Lorde Graye shalbe put at fyrst. Therefore [de]ssyre my sone to gett leve, and my doichtare to cum dowyn to Carlisle, that I may se hir or I de, and that I may knaw his mynde. And his waye be better nor myne, I will use his counsale, and yf myne be better nor his, yt is naturall for him to tak yt, for I will gif him advise in no thing but that whiche shalbe for the well of boith the realmes, and shall not be for the hurt of ony thing he broukis in that realme. What care I all the rest of the worlde yf thei be in honour? Thow may tell him there was bands betuyx us affore this, but now there is greater bandis of flesh and bloode; and where he haith always put a dowbt in George my brother, schew him noder he nor Drumlangrig shall go ony waye or doo ony thing but as I will. And thus, I pray the, mark well my wordes, and bring me anssuer agane, and he shall knaw more at our meting.

153. MARGARET, COUNTESS OF LENNOX, to her Father, ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, complaining of his treatment of her. Castle Wressil, 15th March [1550].¹

MY LORDE, after my humble commendacions and desiring of your blessing, this shalbe to signeffye unto you the gret unnaturalnes wiche ye showe me daylye, being to longe to reherse in all poyntes, butt in some I wyll declare nowe laste of all, my Lorde, being nere you, and so desirows to have spoken with you, yet ye refused it and wolde not, where in ye showed your selfe not to be so loving as ye ought to be, or elles so unstable that every body maye turne you, for dyverse tymes ye have said you wolde be glad to speyke with your sonne my lorde. Remember he hathe maryd your owne daughter, and the best chylde to you that ever ye had, if ye call to remembrance your being here in Englande. How be hit, your dedys showethe the forgetfulnes thereof, in so myche as ye ar so contrary to the Kynges majesties affayres, that nowe ys, hys father being so goode and so lyberall a prynce to you, wyche ought neyver to be forgotton; butt nowe, my lorde, I here saye that ye have profest neyver to agre with Englande, for so myche as the moost parte of your frendes are slayne. Butt whome can you blame for that butt only youre selfewylls, for if ye wolde agre to this godly maryage, there nedyd no Crysten blode to be shed. For Godes sake remember your selfe nowe in your olde age, and seke to have an honorable pease, wiche can not be withowte this maryage. And what a memoryall shulde that be to you for ever, if ye colde

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

be an instrument for that. If I should wryte so longe a letter as I colde fynde matter with the wrong of your part and the right of myne, hit were to tedyowse for you to rede; butt for as myche as I purpose, God wylling, to comme to Carlyll shortly after Ester, I wyll kepe it in store to tell you my selfe, for I am sure ye wyll nott refuse commyng to me, all thow my uncle George and the Larde of Dromlaneryk speyke agaynst it, whome I knowe wolde be glad to se you in your grave, all thowe they flatter you to your face. My uncle George hathed seid, as dyverse Skottesmen have tolde me, that thowe you had sones he wolde be eyre, and make them all bastardis; butt, my Lorde, if God sende you no moo sons, and I lyffe after you, he shall have leste parte thereof, or elles many a man shall smarte for it. This leyvinge to declare forther of my mynde tell I maye speyke with you my selfe, I commytte you to the kepinge off All myghty God, whoo sende you longe liff withe myche honour. Frome the Kynge's magestytes castell of Wreyssell, the xvth daye of Marche,

Be your humble daughter,

MARGRETT LENNOX.

154. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to RICHARD GRAHAM of Berentyne, as to proclamation against the Earl's vassals. Crawfurd Castle, 16th November [1553].¹

COUSING RICHARD, efter my commendatiounis, this is the thing yow cause me to wryt. I have gotten na werd of the erandis I directit with zow agane; thairof I have na lyttill marwell. Ze sal wit that I com to my castell of Craufurd this Weddansday, the xv day of November, for cawsis dressing amangis my awin folkis, and it schawin me be dywers men that wes in Carlill on Setterday, that hirde it proclamyt, sikelyke as this berar hirde and will schaw zow, that it is crying fre to all men to ryd apon thir my servaundis following, the Lard of Skyrling, the Lard of Boneintoun, the Lard of Cowinstoun, the Lard of Carmychell, the Lard of Le, the Lard of Glaskeun, and the Lard of Jareswode, the toun of Lanark, with mony uyderis dywers my servaundis, quhilkis is to lang to wryt, and that na thing is left on proclamyt fre bot my awin proper heretage; and gyf this be of trewthe, [that] zow adverteis me with diligence, for gyf I want ane boy of myn on assurit I will hawe na assurance to my heretage, bot wilbe at my awantage. I will tak na schame [nowe in my] ald dayis, for I hawe skaithie

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

anewche ellis, for Cowinstoun and Carmychell is in Car[l]ill, with the Capitan of Crawfurde, at the making of this bill. Gyf this be of trewthe, adverteis thame in lykwyse, that thai may cum hame; and this ze do with diligence, as my traist is in zow, and fare ze weil. Of my castell of Crawford, this Furisday, xvij day of November.

AR^D. ERL OF ANGUS.

155. JAMES DOUGLAS, EARL OF MORTON, to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, as to delivery of custody of the Castle of Edinburgh. Dalkeith, 19th March 1577.¹

MY LORD AND SONE, after my herty commendatioun. This trouble that fell betuix the castell and toun of Edinburgh is knawin now to haue procedit without ony malice on ayther syde, bot be sum young dealing of thame of the toun that kepit the West Port. Twa honest men of the toun wes heir with me, directit fra the rest, quha declares that we had na malice at thame, nor yit they at ws, and thairfore lamentis the vnhappynes of the deid, as we do, and promisit to me that they wald send twa to the King, to declare the same to his majestie and the Counsale thair, swa that na gude purpos betuix the Kingis hienes and me suld stay for that cause; and I vnderstand that Mr. Michaell Chesholme and Johnne Johnnstoun, brother to the Laird of Elphinstoun, is directit west to the same effect. I will desire yow to tak the paines and learne quhat they have done, and how the samyn wes taken, and aduertise me agane the maner thairof.

The last tyme my Lord Chanellair Ruthven and Hereis wer heir, we wer in commoning vpoun instructiones they brocht from the Kingis majestie and Counsale, and in a maner aggreit concerning the deliuery of the castell, for I was content to deliuere the Castell to the Kingis majestie, or quhom he suld appoint to ressaue the same, his hienes and his counsale gevand vnto me a sufficient discharge of the jowellis, movables, and mynitioun being within the said castell, for my warrand. Certane articles vpoun this mater I haue returnit with thame, subscriuit with my hand, quhairvnto I traist my Lord Thesaurar will mak yow previe, quhairby ye may the better understand that mater. I am reddy to fulfill on my part all thingis promisit to his hienes. Seing he is desirous to haue the castell, I am content to caus deliuere the same, the jowellis, movables, and mynitioun thairin being takin off my hand be inventory, and a discharge deliuering to me of the same, with a little tyme to transport the guidis pertaining to our selffis

¹ Original in Charter-chest of the Earl of Morton.

being thairin. Ye sall crave this mater ernistlie to be put to a poynt, and tak Lochlevin and sic vther freiudis with yow as ye think gude to the same effect. The brute is heir that thay mynd to gar charge the castell to be deliuering vnder the pane of treason. Gif that salbe done, the King will resaeue great hurt thairthrow, for gif I suld deliuier the castell vpoun a charge, the guidis thairin not being inuentareit, it wer na doubt his majesties great apperand hurt and altogether my wrak, for vther men mycht at their pleasur posses and vse his jowellis and vther thingis, quhilk I haue with great labouris recoverit, and to this tyme weill keptit. I pray yow spair na travell to stop this at your vttermaist pouer, ffor nother ressoun, law, nor conscience can aggrie with this order.

I am sorie of the Chancellares vnhappy chance, quhilk na doubt is to my greif. We mon thank God quhatsumeir it please him to send; and now sen God hes visitit him, ye mon tak the mair panes, and await the harder vpoun thir maters of myne, and leif your pastyme till ye haue thame put to a poynt. Gif the Kingis majesties pleasur be that ye sall remane with him, tarie salang as is his pleasur. Marie in the meynytme I pray yow se that your freindis tak na hurt, otherwyse your courting seruis to litle purpos. Ye mon gett a respectt to my brother the capitane, the constable, and the rest that wer with thame, for this lait vnhappy slaunchter in Edinburgh, for it wilbe verie hard to thame to deliuier the castell, not hauing a respectt, the slaunchter being sa recent. I pray yow to aduise vpoun thir maters wyselie with your wyse freindes, and put thame to a poynt. Lett me be aduertist fra yow of the estate of all maters as they stand, with your opinioun and the freindis thair, quhat ye think best to be done. And sa I commit yow to God. At Dalkeith, the xix day of Marche 1577.

Your assured,

MORTOUN.

To my lord and sonne the Erll of Angus.

156. ROBERT BOWES, the English Ambassador, to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, that the peace may be preserved. 28th July 1578.

IT maie please your good Lordship, vpom my conference with the Lordes in this towne, and perswasion, aswell for remove and lyinge aside of all armes and violent interprise, as also for the tymely pacifieng of all grefis with their loyaltie to their Kinge and soueraigne, I finde suche reasonable mynde in them, both to set apart all forces and forbearre all suche like attemptis, or hereafter to draw great forces

together, with duetifull obedience to the Kinge and care of the quietnes of the country, and also to refer their causes to indifferent order and determinacion, as I truse this fiere kindlinge and entringe into flambe shalbe, with good handlinge, redily quenched, especiallie, in case no accident or matter, from hensforth offred to their annoye, shall interypt the good successe of the same ; therefore I haue thought good to give your Lordship knowledge hereof (as in like maner I intend to recomend to the Kinge and Counsell), and to praei your Lordship, for the avoidinge of all impedimentis hindrингe the good progresse of these gentle beginynges, promyseing wished conclusion, your Lordship wold provide that the peace may be preserued, that no force be brought to the offence of the lordis or their freindis, nor levied to there disadvantage, and wherebie the good entrance appeiringe to lead to quietnes and pacificacion be barred, but that all thingis maie be quietlie and without violence vsed for the preferment hereof, as they on their behalffis promise to performe and do the like. Wherefore, what your Lordship please to do in the same, I praei you let me be aduertised by this bearer, that I maie satisfie the lordis and procead in the matter as apperteneth. And with hartie commendacions I commit your Lordship to the protection of th'Almighty. Eddenbrough, the xxvijth of Julie 1578.

Your Lordship's lovinge freinde,

ROBERT BOUES.

To the right honorable the Erle of Angus.

157. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR FRANCIS WALSINGHAM, Secretary to Queen Elizabeth, explaining why he left Scotland. Carlisle, 30th June 1581.

My dewtie wnto zour honour remembrit, wpone the directiounis of two severall letters, the ane to zour selff, the other to hir maiestis trustie minister, Mr. Thomas Randolff. I heiff ressavit fra him in effect the answer of boith, quharby I wnderstand hir hienes loving care had of me and accustomat clemencie, moir larglie extendit in my favors nor my meritiss can deserue, quhilk I can na otherwayes reaqyt at this present bot with wnfeynit mynd to remane radie to do hir maiestie acceptable service.

My present estait, with sa mony as ar with me, craves that hir maiestie suld alsveill wnderstand the caus of my departure from my nativie cuntrie as the

occasioun of my remaning heire, togidder with the weritie of all accidentis that hes of lait occurrit thair, and il apperances that may (to hir maiesteis mislyking and our greif of mynd) fall out in that realme.

As in the faithful opning of thir maters I sall omit na pairt of my diewtie, so is it my mynd to remane radie to be employit in quhat soevir hir maiestie sall think convenient to be done for helpin of maters that is evill vsit.

The frequent mutations of that cuntrie are nocht small in number, the apparent accidentis lyk to fall out boith dyvers and dangerus, so that nather the saidis accidentis, nor thair apperand remedie, can be maid so sensibill to hir maiestie be wryting as I wald wishe; thairfor I think it convenient to direct my cowsing, Maister Archebald Dowglas, to hir maiestie, that be him my knawleg and mynd may be to hir grace understand. The saming being laid opin befoir hir hienes eis the better, lest evill may be electit, assuring zour honour quhatsoevir hir hienes and hir honorable consale sall resolve wpone, I salbe radie to performe so far as sall ly in my power, as at moir large hir maiestie may wnderstand, quhan it salbe hir gud plesour that I may repair to hir presence. In this meane tyme, I pray zour honour that it may pleis zou to mak hir maiestie acquent with this my letter, and to obteane licence that my said cowsing may repair to hir maiestie for the effect foirsaid; and so avayting wpone zour anser, I commit zour honour to the protectioun of the Almichtie. From the Quenes maiesteis toun of Cairleill, this last of June 1581.

Zour honours ryght louing freind,

ANGUSS.

To the Ryght honorable Sir Frances Walsingham, Secretarie principall to the Quenis maiestie, and on of hir hienes Privie Counsaile.

158. Mr. ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS [afterwards Scots Ambassador at the English Court] to MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS, chiefly relating to the Earl of Angus. 28th August 1582.¹ [Holograph draft.]

PLEIS your maiestie, sen the direction of my other letter I haif had conference with the ambassador of the Mest Christian King quho, so far as I can persaif, hes now consauit sum wrang opinion of my vprycht meaning wnto your maiestie, or othervyis collected swm dout of the end of my intention. He hes declaired wnto me that as zit he hes nocht had the commodite to writ wnto your maiestie, and that Monsieur de Guyse hes ane commission ample of your hienes to deill in all

¹ Original in the possession of Mr. Bryce, Edinburgh.

yowr effaris, to quhais excellence he thinkis meit that I suld direct my course to sollicit him to move yowr maiestie in my fauour, quhilk is ane langer way than the weiffair of yowr maiesties seruice will gudly permit, and therfor nocth alto-gidder woyd of suspition. Forther, he giffis me counsall to move the Erll of Angus go that same way, othervyis to leif him, and reveill the secreittis and practesis that he and sum otheris intendis to execute in Scotland, quhilk I tak neither to be the mest honest nor surest way to do your maiestie guid seruice. I am assured gif I wald deill vnhonestlie in ony mater, howbeit it suld tend to your maiesties profeit, ye mycht vse quhat guid speiche ye pleis, bot in yowr mynd I vald be mest justlie condemnit. Besidis, I am nocth ignorant that it is in the power of princes to mak men riche quhen thai pleis, bot thai can nocth restoir men to honestie, willinglie abandonit, quhen thai wald ; quhilk hes mowit me sa cairfullie to preserve my honestie and reputation in all tymis passit, sa that now that is all in all that remanis to me saif, in place of the haill welthe of fortoun that sumtyme I possessit, and it hes bein the cheif occasion that mowit me newir to leif to do the guid I culd to the Lairdis of Grang and Ledingtoun in all thair trowbill, and nocth to accuse the Erll of Mortoun for his vnnaturell behauisour, or rather crueltie, vsit aganis my self ; and now this is the only reson that I can nocth do in this matter of the Erll of Angus, that may haif apperance to tend to ony vnhonestie, becaus it is ane haynous offens towardsis God, and no les schame towardsis the world, to desaif ony that giffis trust, or to reveill the secreitt commvnicat in tyme of freindschip ; yit, althocht sum breche suld intervein, quhilk I dout nocth yowr maiesties education vertues will tak in guid pairt, and yowr knawlege of moral philosophie will excuse that quhilk to otheris may appeir worthy of condemnation. It is trew that I dissuadit the said Erll to sell his seruice to sic as ment na treuth to ony creature levand, bot travellit to obteyn thair particular commoditie be the hurt and rwyne of all otheris, as he mycht persaif be the maneir of doing of lait vsit with his vngle ; and besydys, I declarit vnto him that, albeit I wes in greter necessite nor he wes, yit wold I never resaif pension, nor that quhilk mak me suspect to my soveragne, or be impediment to the recovery of my natyve cuntry. Nochtwithstanding all the persuasions I culd vse, he hes takin ane course that I nether will allow of nor follow, quhilk he affirmes to me hes alto-gidder procedit vpon necessite and laik of that quhairby he mycht commodiuslie leif. Alvayis in this course I beleif he is nocth sa far passit bot he may be reclamed, gif the speache that he vsit to me be trewlie ment, quhilk giffis me the hardnes to lay this project oppin befor yowr maiestie, moir propre, in my jugment, for the aduancement of

yowr maiesties service and present quieting of the realme, that yowr maiestie hath bein sa cairfull of, nor that quhilke is cravit. It is trew that the Erll of Angus hoill leving is yit in yowr sonnes hand, and no profeitt at all therby cumming to his grace. Gif be yowr maiesties intercession he mycht be mowit to restoir the said Erll to his leving, quhairrypon he mycht be sustenet, togidder with his fauour, I beleif he culd be [con]tent ether to reteir him self to France, after faythfull promis maid that he suld leif all other practesis, or othervyis to pas, by yowr direction, in Scotland, thair to behaif him self according as your maiestie sall think meit to command him. Gif he sall noct consent heirvnto, I sall tak vpon me to draw all sic gentillmen as ar cummit in England with him from him, for thai will follow my opinion, and siclyk sall mowe all his freindis that ar in Scotland, I mein of surname of Douglas, or belanging to him be proximite of lignage (as for his alias I can nocth answer), to altogidder leif him, and be directed in quhatsumever course it sall pleis yowr maiestie to command, so that he sall be left wnabill to do harm, and thai that ar heir sall wnderstand that he sall noct be of power to do thame so mwche guid for thair pension as thai luikit for. This far I haif takin the baldnes to lay oppin befor yowr maiestie, to be reected or accepted as it sall pleis your hichnes to command. As for myself, quhose actions passit may gif sum testimony of my affectionat mynd to yowr maiesties service, and quhose lyif sall nocth now be sparit to do all that I sall knaw to be yowr maiesties plesour that [may] ly in my power to perform. Be this present I offer't to yowr maiestie ether to return in Scotland, [thair] to faythfullie serve yowr maiestie with all sic habilit and moyen as presentlie is left wnto me, or gif it salbe yowr plesour that I sall go to France, I will noct refuse it, thair to obey and do quhat I [salbe] commandit, or othervyis I sall remain heir sa weill as I may, redy to do all guid offecis that sall ly in my power that may further your maiesties serwice. Mest humlie I pray yowr maieste that I may vnderstand your gratius mynd in theis premissis or in ony other matter it sall pleis yow to gif command, ether be writting or direction to the said ambassador, to quhom I dar noct at all tymes resort, bot yit I wold be most glaid that he wer instructed to diligentlie inquyre of all my behauour, passit and present affection to yowr maiesties service. The rest I will remit to resaving of the cipher cravit in my other letter; and sa, after the mest hymill kissing of yowr maiestes hand, I humly tak my leif, this xxvij of August 1582.

Your maiestes most hymill and obedient subiect with service,

A. DOUGLAS.

159. THE EARLS OF ANGUS, MAR, ETC., to QUEEN ELIZABETH and others
in England, soliciting assistance. Newcastle, 20th August 1584.
[Contemporary copies.]

MAIE it please youre Maiestie, perceavinge within theis fewe dayes oure goode
cause extremelie preiudged, and oure selves calumniate and slandered in moste
reprochfull maner, we haue in all hvmilitie directed the bearer hereof, Mr.
Colvile, oure familiare freinde, towarde youre heighnes, to expone oure greives
vnto youre maiestie, and to sollicite your heighnes in some maters concerningge vs,
whome wee moste hvmblie desyre youre maiestie to credyte in the premisses. And
so, leavinge to trouble youre heighnes, wee moste hvmblie take our leive, wishinge
to your maiestie frome God perpetuall felicitie and encrease of his blessings.
From your maiesteis towne of Newcastell, the xxth of Augустe 1584.

Your maiesteis moste hvmble and moste faithfull freindes and servauntes.

The Same to Lord Hunsdon.

Please your Lordshippe, like as wee have, be our former lettres and credite
committed to our servitour William Colvile, purged our selves vnto your honour
of suche bruites as were vntrewlie reported of vs be our enemeis, so have wee,
for her maiesteis satisfactione in that poynte, directed our familiare freinde Mr.
Colvile towarde her hieghnes; whereof we thoughte it oure dewtie to adverteſe
your honour, in the meane tyme earnestlie desyringe your goode lordshippe
permitt one of vs to repaire thidder for youre honouris better informatione in
sindrie poyntis concerningge our cause, whiche wee cannot committ to no mediate
persone. And so, attendinge your honouris aunswere, wee hvmblie take our leave,
committinge your honour to Goddes blessed protectione. From Newcastell, the
20th of Augустe 1584.

Your honouris assured freindis.

The Same to Mr. Robert Bowes.

Right worshippefull and our moste speciall freinde, we have ordeyned this bearer
to visite yow be the waie, and to communicate with suche thinges as he hes in
commissione, hartlie prayinge your worshippe assiste him with your goode counsell
and to truste him in the premisses. And so wiſſhinge at God once to have the
occasione to expresse be our actiones how farre wee thinke ourselves oblieſſed vnto

yow, wee take our leave, presentinge our hairtlie dewtie to your worshippe, and to your goode bedfellowe, committing you bothe to Godes blessed protectione. From Newcastle, the xxth of August 1584.

Your assured freindis to be vsed as your childrene.

Circular letter sent to the English Court by the said Earls.

Please your Lordshippe, what extremetie our goode cause is cast into be this laite mediatione, and howe iniustlie we are scandered, Mr. Colvile can enforne your Lordshippe thereof, and of all other materis concerning vs, to whose sufficiencie wee committ the same, earnestlie desyringe your honour truste him. Surelie the ingyne of man culde not have invented a greater destructione for vs and our saide cause, except we had lost our lyves. For remede whereof, wee are to sollicite her maiestie in some heades, wherein wee have desyred the saide Mr. Colvile to followe preciselie your Lordshippes advyse, as the cheefe worldlie conforte and assuraunce that wee have next her maiestie. And so, for the presente, takinge our leave, we wishe no thinge more earnestlie at God, then to have occasione to expresse be oure actiones howe farre we holde our selves obliessed to your Lordshippe, committing your Lordshippe to the blessed protectione of the Allmighty. Frome Newcastle, the xxth of Augste 1584.

Your honouris assured freindes to be vsed as your Lordshippes owne childrene.

The Same.

Please your Lordshippe, we have directed oure familiare freinde Mr. Colvile to sollicite her maiestie in some maters, tendinge not only to oure conforte, but also to the general benefitte of the whole Christiane estate within this ylande. Wherein wee hvmblie crave your Lordshippes favourable assistaunce, like as wee acknowledge wee have founde the same heretofore, for whiche wee esteme our selves muche obliessed vnto your Lordshippe, and shall ever be verie willinge to requyte the same, after our power, with suche offices of thankefulnes and fidelitie as wee can be hable to performe. So referringe the particulaire to be declared be the saide Mr. Colvile, whom please your Lordshippe truste, wee humblie take our leave. Frome Newcastle, the xxth of Augste 1584.

Your Lordshippes assured freindis to be commanded in all leasome maner.¹

¹ Other letters were sent of a similar tenor, copies of which are not given. The above are all copied on the same sheet of paper, and

the originals were carried by Mr. Colvile, who had been deputed to treat with those Scotch nobles who had taken refuge in England.

160. WILLIAM PELHAM to the EARLS OF ANGUS, MAR, and others, declining to advise further till he knows their affairs particularly. Eathorpe, 10th September 1584.

It maie please your good Lordshippes, the fauours longe since received in your natione is nowe brought into so freshe memorie, both by the good opinion I heare yow haue conceived towardes me, and also by vouchsafinge to bestowe your Lordshippes lettres vpon me; as I am bounde to accepte most humblie of the one, and will never leave to be thankefull for the other, nor wilbe vnmindfull to answer, in what I maie, your Lordshippes confidence laid vppon me.

And althoughe the Almightye God (who governethe ouer all) permittethe that your Prince (that ought, as his owne members, to cherishe yow) for some tyme should carrie a straight hand over yow, and to tollerat with the oppression of your enemys, yet distrust I not but your Lordshippes haue learned howe to beare these crosses, and with much patience to expecte, after that good successe and comforte for your afflictions, which your frendes (with all contentment to your Lordshippes) do hartelie wishe for yow.

It semeth by your lettres that the particulare reporte is lefte to my good frende Mr. Colvile, in what sorte your cause nowe standeth; wherin, because we haue not yet meett, and he not willinge to committ the weightines therof to paper, I ame not able (vntill we haue had some conference) in ought to advisse or assist yow, more then with that assured good will, whiche your Lordshippes and the godlie shewe of your actione enforceth me to beare yow. And so, thrustinge my selfe emongst the nomber of your Lordshippes faithfull frendes that desire your most good, and to honour yow, I, humblie presentinge dewe commendations, do prae the onlie Lord to prosperr all your good purposses. At Eathrope, the x of September 1584.

Your Lordshippes to be humblie commanded, my alegaunce beinge preserved,
WILLIAM PELHAM.

To the right honourable his very good Lordes, the Earles of Angushe and Mar, and the Master of Glamiss, or to ether of them.

161. MONSIEUR DE SÉGUR to the EARLS OF ANGUS AND MAR, and other Scottish Nobles and Gentlemen who had retired into England. *Circa 1585.* [Contemporary copy.]¹

MESSIEURS, estant il y a un an en ce pays employé par le Roy de Navarre à procurer une bonne union et correspondance entre tous les rois et potentats qui font profession de la religion reformée, j'avois un singulier desir de baiser les mains aussi du Roy votre seigneur et le faire participant de la charge et négociation qui m'estoit commise. J'avois aussi des létres pour lui et charge de le voir, s'il m'estoit possible. Mais, ce dessein m'estant rompu, j'ay poursuivy mon voyage, visitant les courts du Roy de Dannemarck et princes d'Allemagne. Là où, nonobstant beaucoup de traverses et empeschemens, Dieu m'a faict ceste faveur de laisser les affaires bien disposées à la conservation des Églises et avancement de la gloire de Dieu. Or estant de retour par decà, j'ay receu une merveilleuse tristesse, entendant la dissipation survenue en Escosse, avec la calamité de tant de nobles familles et personnes. Qui est cause que, tant pour ma propre inclination, que sachant l'entièr affection que le Roy de Navarre porte à tous ceux qui ont embrassé la vraye religion, je n'ay peu ny voulu partir d'ici sans me condouloir avec vous de l'estat présent et de l'affliction de tant de seigneurs, gentilhommes et autres, en laquelle je vous puis asseurer que nos Églises sont et seront conjointes avec vous pour implorer l'aide de celui qui est prochain de tous ceux qui l'invoquent en vérité. Davantage, s'il y a chose en quoy vous pensiez que le Roy de Navarre vous puisse temmongner sa bonne volonté, je m'asseure bien avoir telle part en sa faveur, et si bien cognostre son zèle à la gloire de Dieu et son cœur chrestienement royal envers toutes gens de bien et honneur, qu'il n'y aura moyens quelconques bons et légitimes qu'il n'y voulût employer. Pour mon regards je suis en cest avis d'induire le dict sieur Roy à envoyer quelque gentilhomme bien qualifié vers le Roy vostre seigneur pour lui faire cognostre que, s'il suit les conseils qui lui sont donnés par les papistes, tant espagnols que autres, il se précipitera au mesme malheur de la Royne sa mère, et l'exhorter de respondre à l'espérance que toute la Chrestienté avoit conceue de sa vertu et piété, et par ce moyen se rendre aysément un des plus excellents et heureux princes de ce siècle. Que si en cela ou autre chose vous trouvez bon de lui donner quelques bons avis, vous le trouverez un prince très affectionné à toutes choses bonnes et vertueuses.

¹ Papiers d'État, relatifs à l'histoire de l'Écosse au xvi^e siècle, par A. Teulet. Printed for the Bannatyne Club. Tome ii. p. 718.

Au reste, je n'estime pas qu'il soit nécessaire d'employer beaucoup de paroles pour vous accourager à la profession constante et défense de la vraye religion. Car, outre les exemples que vous avez en diverses régions, et mesme les domestiques en vos pays et familles, de tant de grans personnages qui ont préféré la gloire de Dieu et défense de la religion à leurs propres biens, vies et honneurs, vous avez en cela donné de si bons tesmoignages de vostre zèle à toute la Chrestienté qu'on n'a point occasion de doubter de la persévérance. Comme de fait, c'est chose digne d'un cœur généreux de ne se laisser jamais emporter d'un bon but qu'il se sera proposé. Or est ce la fin des fins de servir à la gloire de Dieu et advancement de l'Église. Une chose vous puis-je dire que j'ay expérimentée à mon grand regret en divers endroits, que, comme l'amitié et l'union est le lien de nostre conservation, aussi les simultés, discordes querèles et partialités sont les pestes qui font un merveilleux dégast au milieu de nous. Desirant donc que Dieu vous soit propice, je souhaitte aussi et vous requiers au nom de Dieu que, puisque vous estes unis en mesme cause, en pareille condition d'afflictions et vous proposez une mesme fin, vous nourrissiez aussi entre vous et tous les vostres, soit dehors soit dedans le royaume, une telle amitié et charité Chrestienne, qui vous tienne comme un lien indissoluble conjointcs non seulement ensemble, mais vous tous avec Dieu, qui est l'amour et charité lui mesme. C'est ainsi que Dieu, qui tire la lumière des ténèbres et rameine son Église de la mort à la vie, parachevera son œuvre à sa gloire. Ce qu'il a toujours voulu que les siens espérassent contre espérance.

TRANSLATION OF THE PRECEDING LETTER.

Messieurs, having been in this country for a year, employed by the King of Navarre to procure good union and intercourse between all the kings and potentes who profess the reformed religion, I had a special desire also to kiss the hands of the King your master, and to make him a sharer in the charge and negotiation which had been committed to me. I had also letters for him and instructions to see him if it were possible for me. But this design being interrupted, I have pursued my journey, visiting the Courts of the King of Denmark and the princes of Germany, where, notwithstanding many thwartings and impediments, God has granted me this favour, to leave matters well disposed for the preservation of the churches and advancement of the Divine glory. Now, having returned hither, I have experienced great sorrow on learning the confusion which has occurred in Scotland, with the ill fortune of so many noble families and persons, which is the reason that, both from my own inclination and knowing

the entire affection which the King of Navarre bears to all those who have embraced the true religion, I am not a little unwilling to leave this without grieving with you as to the present estate and troubles of so many nobles, gentlemen, and others, in the which I can assure you that our churches are and will be united with you, to supplicate the aid of him who is near to all who call upon him in truth. Moreover, if there is anything in which you think the King of Navarre can testify his goodwill to you, I persuade myself that I have such a share in his favour, and so good a knowledge of his zeal for the glory of God, and his Christianly royal heart towards all men of estate and honour, that there will be no good and lawful means whatsoever that he will not employ. For my part, I am in a mind to induce the said King to send some properly qualified gentleman to the King your master, to make him understand that if he follows the advice given to him by the papists, whether Spanish or others, he will precipitate himself into the same misfortune as the Queen his mother, and to exhort him to answer to the hope which all Christendom has conceived from his virtue and piety, and by this means easily to make himself one of the most excellent and happy princes of this age. If in that or other matters you find it good or expedient to give him some good advice, you will find him a prince very well inclined to goodness and virtue. For the rest, I do not judge it needful to use many words to encourage you to the constant profession and defence of the true religion ; for, beside the examples which you have in divers countries, and even at home in your country and families, of so many great persons who have preferred the glory of God and defence of religion to their own estate, lives, and honour, you have in that given such good testimony of your zeal to all Christendom, that no one has any occasion to doubt your perseverance. As a fact, it is a thing worthy of a generous mind never to be turned from the attainment of any good end it may propose to itself. Now this is the aim of aims, to serve the glory of God and advancement of the Church. One thing I can tell you I have experienced, to my great regret, in divers ways, that as friendship and union is the bond of our preservation, so also hypocrisies, discords, quarrels, and partialities are the evils which make a marvellous havoc in our midst. Praying, therefore, that God may be propitious to you, I desire also, and require of you in the name of God, that, since you are united in the same cause, in a like state of affliction, and you purpose one and the same end, you may foster also among you and yours, whether without or within the realm, such a friendship and Christian love that may bind you as with an indissoluble tie, not only united together, but

you all with God, who is himself love and charity. Thus it is that God, who brings light out of darkness, and restores his Church from death to life, will accomplish his work to his glory. He has ever willed that his own should hope against hope.

162. WILLIAM, NINTH EARL OF ANGUS, to WILLIAM, SEVENTH EARL OF MORTON, begging the latter to attend his Majesty at Edinburgh, as he himself had a fever. Glenbervie, 8th [April] 1591.¹

MY LORD, efter my hartlie commendatioun. I haue resauit ane letter from his majestie, desyring me to haue bein in Edinburgh the xj of this instant, to haue sen justice vſit aganis sic personnes as hes ettellit mischewous pratekceis aganis his majesties awin estait and persoune, as also aganis myne and youris Lordshipis wmquhill last predecessoure that died of guid memorie; heirfoir I maist eirnestlie mon request your Lordship to wreit to the rest of our freindis, that your Lordship may keipe the said day, to further his majestie in the ministracion of justice. Seing his majesties intentione tendis bayth to the weillfaire of the countrey, and speciallie to the veillfair and standing of our house, treulie thare sold hanе na wardlie tourne stayit me frome the keiping of the said day, bot it hes plesit God to visit me with ane extreme fyfher that I may [nather] Reid nor gange, as is notablie knauen wnto the contrey. Thus luking your Lordship will not fail to keip the said day becaus of my present disease, and the fortherance of the ministracion of justice, speciallie be ws quhich tendis maist to owr honour. Seing God hes mouetit his majestie to sie justice administrat, quhais intentione being sa guid, we can not refuiss for owr awen partis. Thairfoir your Lordship mane tak burden wpon your Lordship at this tyme for me because of my present disease. Remiting the rest to your Lordshipis wisdome and consideratioun of our dewties, committis your Lordship to the protectione of the Almychtie. From Glenbervy, the viij of this instant [April] 1591.

Your Lordshipis assurit at his power,

ANGUS.

I pray your Lordship to remember my commendatioun to your bedfallowe. Als I request your Lordship to assist this caus, sua that we resauie nor deserwe na sclandder of God nor the world, etc.

To my weray speciall guid lord and cousins, my Lord of Mortoun.

¹ Original in the Charter-chest of the Earl of Morton.

163. WILLIAM, TENTH EARL OF ANGUS, to WILLIAM, SEVENTH EARL OF MORTON, to obtain a further licence from the King, that he may arrange his affairs. Dundee, 10th July 1591.¹

MY LORD, efter all hairtie commendatiounis. I haiff sum particular adoes presentlie in Glenberwie anent the ceremonies of my fatheris buriall, and sum uther effairis qwhilk wer lang to wrait. Qwhairfoir I will reqweist your Lordship maist effectuouslie to obtein me ane license of his majestie for thrie or fowr dayes, or awcht dayis giff it may be grantit, that I may taik ordowr withe my adoes mentionat. So in referring to the beraris declaratioun, committis yow to the protectioun off God. From Dundie, the 10th of July 1591.

Yowr Lordshipis at all pouer, V. D. ERLL ANGUS.

To the richt honorabill and very good lord, my Lord the Erle of Mortoun.

164. THE SAME to THE SAME, requesting the latter to become his cautioner to the King. Edinburgh Castle, 2d February 1592.²

MY LORD AND COUSSIN, efter all hartie commendatiounis. I understand my leving is arrestit by ordour of lawe; and because now, in the tyme of my truble, it is properest your Lordship suld tak ane doing for me, I will request your Lordship to becum cautioune for my leving, that it salbe answerable to the Kingis majestie and all haifand entres thairto, conforme to the lawes of the untray; and for your Lordship's warrand I bind and oblissis me heirby, to warrand and releif your Lordship fra all perrell and skayth that sall happen to fall furth theirthrow, be this my band maid unto your Lordship therupoun, subscryvit with my hand. At the Castell of Edinburgh, the secund of Februar 1592.

Your Lordshipis cousin at pouer, V. D. ERLL ANGUS.

To my verray guid lord and coussin, the Erll of Mortone.

165. SIR JOHN CARMICHAEL to WILLIAM, TENTH EARL OF ANGUS, that he has secured from his Majesty that the Earl's life and goods shall be safe. [Circa 1593.]³

MY LORD, my humill commendationis being rememberit. I ressauit your aduerteismentis fra my cowsing Wat, and theiraftr spak with the King at greit lenthe tuiching your matteris, quha, at my earnist sute and desyre, and revarid for my

¹ Original in the Charter-chest of the Earl of Morton.

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*

seruice, hes becumit mair resonabill nor your desert deseruis, quhen nostir and the wyfis husband suld wraik as now your Lordship knawis, quhither men be of yowr counsall or nocht. I haue brocht it to this poynt with the King, that your Lordship sall nathir be in hasard of your lyfe, landis, nor honouris, gif ye will crave the Kingis mercy and grant yowr offence, quhilk he hes to lat yow se; and ye can nocht deny I sall mak all thir sure, swa that the greittest danger ye can incur is to remane ane quhyle in waird quhill mattiris be settillit, being sure nathir your lyfe, landis, nor honour be in danger. My Lord, albeit ye estemt me ane enemy befoir, I was ane friend and gaue yow the best counsall, albeit God wald nocht lecent yow to except it; and thaiss that hes drawin yow on this, if ye and yowr hous wraik, thay haue bene the occasioune of it. Gif the King had wraikit at this time, I had bene worthy to haue bene hangit, quarterit, and drawin. That I was the onely stay that yowr heid and James Dowglass had nocht bene bayth tane, at yowr being in this toun the tyme of the Parliament, for we knew mattiris than as we do now, bot nocht sa cleirly. Gif your Lordship thinkis meit to except thir conditionis, lat me be aduerteisit, and I sall mak thame sure enewche. Gif ye think ye wilbe the man will wraik yowrselv and yowr hous, I tak the greit God to vitnes I haue done mair for yowr Lordship, and gevin yow my counsall mair vprychtie for yowr standing, nor ony that is cumit of it, or ony vassall ye haue. I haue send my cawsing Wat to yow to deill in thir mattiris, quhom with ye may be plane. Gif ye wryte ane answer to me, wryte in sic plane termes as the King may se it, and gif ye send ony vthir secreitidis, send it be toungh with sic as ye think maist meit. Swa for this present, luiking to heir fra yow how far I may speik in yowr name, I commit yowr Lordship to Godis protectioun. Edinburgh, this Settirday, in the mornynge.

Be your Lordships, to be commandit with seruice, gif ye obey God and the
Kingis majestie,

CARMYCHALL.

To the richt honorable and my very gud lord and maister, the Erle of Angus,
gif this.

166. KING JAMES THE SIXTH to JOHN WISHART of Pitarro, and others, to
confer with the Earl of Angus. 1595.¹

REX.

WE, for diuers gude caassis and consideraciones moveing ws, be the tenour heirof
geive and grant our speciall licence to our trustie and weilbelouittis, Johnne

¹ Original at Monymusk.

Wischart of Pittarro, Williame Forbes of Monymusk, and Mathow Dowglas, and ilk ane of thame, to treat, consult, and confer with Williame, sumtyme Erle of Angus, etc., twicheing his obedience to ws and the kirk, as alsua concerning sum particularis betuix him and our cousing the Duke of Lennox, concerning the leving of Angus; and will and grant that thai nor name of thame sall incur na cryme or danger thairthrow, in thair personis, landis, or gudis, nor sall neuir be callit nor accusit thairfoir be ony maner of way in tyme cuming, notwithstanding the forfaltour led aganis the said Erle of Angus, or ony act, law, or proclamation maid or to be maid in the contrair. Quhairanent we, of our auctoritie royll and kinglie powar, dispense with thame be thir our lettres, subscryuit with our hand, at the day off and of our regnne the xxix yeir, 1595.

JAMES R.

167. WILLIAM, TENTH EARL OF ANGUS, to KING JAMES THE SIXTH, as to taxation. Tantallon, 20th November 1604.¹

Tomthaloun, 20 of November 1604.

PLEIS your sacred Maiestie. Being informed that your maiestie is offendit with sik of the nobilitie as mett in the Inche of St. Johnnestoun at the last Parliament, to adwyse by quhat meanes the chairges of sik as war chosin commissioneres mycht be defrayit, I most humble crawe your maiestie pardoun to purge my pairt of any misbehaviour vsit att that tyme, ather agains this happie vnioun, or ony vther your maiesties intentioun; for in credite I persauit na difference amangis all your maiesties subiectis thair convenit, bot ane ernist intentioun in ewery man, vtering their weil affected hairets to your maiesties serwice in the Vnioun; controuersie standing onlie concerning the taxatioun, quhairin the grittest number of the nobilitie, feiring that the bruit thairof should breid ane mislyking of the vnioun amanges the Commounis, quha at na tyme, without regrait, ar inducit to any taxatioun, choisit rather to serve your maiestie vpoun thair awin chairges than call in doubt your maiesties dissein, be imposing vpoun the Commounis ane grit taxatioun, without the quhillk the commissioneres could nocht haue beine honourable outred; and if any man do vtherwyse informe your maiestie, thay do sinistrously traduce your maiesties best affectionatt subiectes. Your maiestie hes to vey in this our affectiouns vnto your maiesties serwice, nocte crediting calumnies of vnfriendis, the simple treuth being (in conscience) this quhilk I wryt to your maiestie, sa far as come to my knawlege. Quhairfoir I beseik your

¹ Original in Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, 33. 1. I. No. 22.

maiestie nocth to condeme me indicta causa, nor to think any vtherwyse of me bot as of ane of your maiesties most loyallie affected subiectes, quha by my general allegiance doeth acknawlege myselff in particular manywysse dett-bound to your maiesties favorable clemencye in sik sort, that there is nor can be nothing more grevous to me than to vnderstand myselff to be anywayse ecairft fra your maiesties favour, especially it being my grittest contentment on earth to be thocht of your sacred maiestie as I am and sall alvayes continew,

Your maiesties most humble and obedient subiect,

V. D. ERLL ANGUSS.

To his Maiestie.

168. THE SAME TO THE SAME, as to his leaving the country, etc.

Circa 1605.¹

MOIST gratiouſ and excellent maiestie; althocht the parting frome my nativie soyll, frome my estait, hous, and familie, bot moir than all of thame, the want of your maiesties gratiouſ presence, be vnto me ane just cauſ of exceeding greiff and sorrow, yit the testimonie of ane guid conſcience in all dewtie towardis your maiestie, and my innocencie of ony capitall cryme ar confortis to me, that this your maiesties commandiment is nocth ſo muche of ony just conceauit malice at my persone as of intendit chasteitement for my conuerſioune to the religioune preſentlie estableſeit, quhairof your maiestie may be easilie perswadit, I wald moſt glaidlie condiscend vnto for sindrie respectis, lang to wryte, gif I culd have thairto ony warrant of conſcience. Bot this being improper to this preſent ſubiect, I omit the ſame and haue resoluit nocth onlye in thiſ poyn̄t, bot in quhatſumever ells your maiestie will command with the hazard of lyffe (my conſcience being exceptit), to vndirgo all perell may geve your maiestie contentment and juſt tryall of my obedience. And quhairas I vndirſtand of your maiesties plesour for ſtaying of my ſecund ſone now in compagnie with me, the boy being ſubiect to ane uniuersall gute, and I being conſellit be phisitianis to ſend him to the baiethis in Loren, I will humlie entreate your maiesties gratiouſ favor that he may go with me for recoverie of his health, and I will heirby promeis, vpone the leift ſignificatioun of your maiesties guid plesor, to returne him bak to be diſpoſit vpoune as your maiestie thinkis moſt fite. Sir, howſover my religioune be the cauſe of my exyle frome your maiesties preſence, yit ſo far haue I bene heirtoſoir, and ever wilbe frome geving any pairt of your maiesties ſoueranitie to the Pope, as I haſt

¹ Original in Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, 33. 1. I. No. 5.

my selff justlie bound in conscience to mantene the authoritie thairof aganis quhatsumevir commandimentis he can or may give out in the contrair; and in testimonie heirof, I have gevin my aith of allegeance, quhilk I vndirstand to be skarslie allowit of sum of the preceiser sort and vrgeris of this hard cours aganis me, and it will try that gif thai war burdenit thairwith that thai wald ather maik ane direct denyall or than maik sik constructions thairof as will noct stand with your maiesties lyking. So rewising I have atteint the fauour that this letter may twich that princelie hand I wes so desyrous to kiss, I moist humlie taik my leiff, praying God to give your maiestie lang and prosperous rigne, intending to leiff and die

Your maiesties moist humill and faithfull subiect,

V. D. ERLL ANGUSS.

To his sacride and moist gracious maiestie.

169. THE SAME to THE SAME, protesting against unfriendly reports.

Edinburgh, 25th May 1608.¹

Cannogaitt, the 25 May 1608.

SIR, pleis your sacreid maiestie; it is noct possible, be lettre, to expres the greiff of mynd quhilk justlie I haue concawed, quhan be the Counsall I wes laitlie informit of your maiesties discontentment aganis me, proceding I dout no thing of your maiesties princelie and courtes inclinatioun, quhairof I haue had so mony and dyweris experiences, bot of sum sinister informatioum of vnfreindis, as giff vndewtefullie I had behauit my selff, ather towardis your maieste, the ministrie, or in contempt of your hienes lawes or commandementis, quhilk I haue ewer reuerencit, and salbe to me in heichest recommendatioun. For, sir, it is ane greit regrait to me that I may noct pleid my innocencie in your maiesties presens, becaus than I wald noct feir but it sould cleirlie apper, and my reuerend respect and obedience to your maiesties last commandimentis be manifestit, quhilk saueing your maiesties plesour, wes sumquhat hard (all thingis being reichtlie considerit). Yitt, giff ather bischop or minister can justlie accuse me of the brek of any poyn特 of dewetie to thame, I am content to be tryit and punisshit accordinglie; bot be the contrar, giff I haue with all obedience obeyit and satisfiet the preceisest of thame, I think thay sould noct haue sa maliceouslie traducit me to your maieste in complening quhair they haue na caus of complaint. Bot sence no thing I can do can content sum of thame, I most, with all humilitie and reuerence, intreit your hienes noct to credeitt all thair reportis of

¹ Original in Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, 33. 1. II. No. 64.

me without ane mair particular tryall. And in this laitt chairge quhairby your maieste hes ordanit me to be wairdit in Glasgow, I am most humblie to requyre your maieste, in respect of the greit indispositioun of my bodie tending to deathe, as the principall doctouris of medeceane in this cuntrie, be thair testimoniall vnder thair handis, testefoit to your maiestie, as thai haue alreddie done to the Counsall, to be that gracious to me, that giff I salbe wairdit, it may ather be in Thomptalloun, Edinburgh, or Leithe, quhair I may haue the help and assistance of phisitianis for my seiknes, than in Glasgow, quhilk is ane place verie vnmeit for me for sindrie respects, but speciallie for recoverie of my helthe. Or giff it sall pleis your maieste that I may haue your hienes fauour to paire frome this cuntrie for ane quheill, for the better preseruation of my helthe, I will accept of the same as ane singular benefit for sic services as I haue done to your maieste in tymes bypast ; and this, in all humilitie and reuerence, kiss your maiestes princle hand, I humble tak my leiff.

Your maiestes most humble and faithfull subiect,

V. D. ERLL ANGUSS.

To his most sacreid maiestie.

170. THE SAME to THE SAME, remonstrating against the proceedings of the Scotch clergy. Glasgow, 10th August 1608.¹ [Holograph.]

Glasco, the 10 of August 1608.

PLEIS your sacred maiestie : I haue bein this langtyme confynit in Glasco, ane part far frome my leifing and freindschip, quhair, be the daylie resort of some of my enimies and ewill willaris, some vnhappie truibil may fall furthe, by my will and without my knawlege ; and now the General Assembillie hes giffin furthe ane act to excommunicat me, befor the xvij day of September. Quhat greif and sorrow this bringis to my hart, God knawis ; becaus my graittest cair hes ewer bein, and salbe, that I mycht end my dayis (quhilk I am persuadit sall not be many) at peace with God and in your maiesties obedience. My dewtfull affectioun to your hienes commandementis I remitt to your maiesties memorie, and my queat behauour in religiou, the presibiteries quhair I remanit can beir record ; for I beleif your maiestie hes not hard ony complaintis of me in particular sene your maiesties pertting frome Scotland. Newir the less, as I am informit, the kirk intendis to wse ane sommer process against me, except that your gratius maiestie find out and grant me some remeid. The suit quhilk

¹ Original in Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, 33. 1. II. No. 73.

of graice only I crawe (gif it pleis not your hienes to ease me with ane better) is, ether to deport this cuntrie, conform to your hienes licence allradie grantit, with suirtie not to returne, or els, that it wald pleis your maiestie to confyne me within ane of my awin houssis and so many myllis about the same, quhair I am glaid to leif as ane priuat subiect, and newir to medill me with publick affairis bot be your maiesties derection. The experiance of your maiesties accustummat clemencie towrdis me imbauldis me to this heumbill petition, and gif it war not the estait and a matter of conscience, I protest befor God, I wald haue bein laith to haue trublit your maiestie with sic suitis; and yit ane thing I moist humblie intrait your maiestie to mak deference of men conforme to thair deseruing; and thus, in kising your maiesties princlie hand, I pray God to send your maiestie lang lyf and prosperous reign.

Your maiesties moist heumbill and obedient subiect,

V. D. ERLL ANGUSS.

To the King, his most excellent and gracious maestie.

171. THE SAME to THE SAME, as to his proceedings in Paris. Paris,

16th February 1609.¹

Pareis, this xvij of Februarij 1609.

PLEIS your sacride maestie: Efter I had kissit the Frenche King his hand, at the desyre of sum Catholicques heir I went to sie the Poipis Nunce, and becaus your hienes ambassadour (quha discharges ane faithfull and honorable dewtie to your maestie) had gottin intelligence by my knawledge of sum speiches that past betuix the Nunce and me concerning your maestie, he thocht it expedient to set doun the same be letter. Bot becaus it war langsum to trobill your princlie eaires with so prolix ane frivilous purposis, I have writtin the same in ane letter to Sir Alexander Hay, your maiesties secretaur, to the effect that gif your maestie pleissis, ye may at ony iydill hour reid the same; for besyd that I am your maiesties subiect, the greit clemencie and favour I have resauit by theris at your hienes handis hes mair nor oblesit me to manteane your maiesties honour and reputacion at all tymes quhen occasioune presentis, quhairof, God willing, I sall never be forzettfull. So praying God to grant your maestie aboiff ws ane lang and prosperous rigne, I humelic kiss your hienes hand.

I rest ever, your maiesties heumbill and faythfull subiect,

V. D. ERLL ANGUSS.

¹ Original in Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, 33. 1. III. No. 6.

172. THE SAME to THE SAME, desiring leave to return to Scotland for a short time. Paris, 30th October 1609.¹

Paris, the penult of October [1609].

PLEASE your sacred maesty : At my last pairting from Scotland, the tyme conteinet in the charge was onlie xx dayes, videlicet, from the 18 of October to the 10 of November exclusiue, to passe out of your maisties dominions in Scotland, so that I could not haue sufficient tyme to establish sick solide ordour with my affaires as was requisite for so lang absence. Now, seing it hes pleasest your hienes to grant me the benefite of my leauing during the rest of my dayes, I will most humbly entreate your maesty vpon my knies be this present, that I may haue licence to returne to Scotland for some fyue or sax monethes only, vpon sick conditions as your maesty pleases till enioyne, that I may put ordour to the disorderet estate of my leauing, whilk can not be done without my awen presence to my great losse, and is now all out of forme and ordour, and that I may gie my last gudnicht to my contrey, familie, and friendes, for I am become now auld and seakly, and within short tyme will be vnable to trauell. Gif it sall please your maestie to grant me this grace of your princely clemency, the caution for my returne sall stand, as they ar alredy obliged, and I will think my selfe bound in conscience to pray daylie for your maisties prosperous regne and royll posterity. Thus, kissing with all humility your princely hand, I rest now and ever,

Your maisties most humble and faithfull subiect,

V. D. ERLL ANGUSS.

173. WARRANT by KING JAMES THE SIXTH in favour of WILLIAM, TENTH
EARL OF ANGUS. *Circa* 1610. [Draft.]²

WHEREAS the French ambassadour, in the name of his maestie the young King [Louis XIII. of France], and the Quein his mother, hath made moste earnest suite vnto vs, on the behalfe of the Earle of Angus, to graunte vnto him such assurance of his estate as the lawes of that our kingdome could afforde; and seeing it was never our intention that hee should be more hardly dealete withall then the Marquis of Huntley or the Earle of Errolle (whose obstinacy in their religioun is no lesse then his), and seeing that their liunges are putte to a pointe for their owne benefite, and his only of the thrie remayneth yet vnsetled : We haue thought good by these presentes to require yow, not only to take the like order with his estate as

Original in Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, 33. 1. III. No. 28.

² *Ibid.* 33. 1. I. No. 40.

has been taken with those of the other two, and to cause a signatour for that effecte be sent vnto vs, but likewise, if any difficulty do occurre which may any way hinder the same, that you eyther by your selues take it away, or then aduertise vs, that wee may determine therein according as wee shall see cause ; and willing this to be done with all conuenient expeditiou, we, etc.

174. WILLIAM, ELEVENTH EARL OF ANGUS, afterwards FIRST MARQUIS OF DOUGLAS, to KING JAMES THE SIXTH, as to reports against the Earl.
Douglas, 10th October 1615.¹ [Holograph.]

Douglas, the 10 of 8ber 1615.

PLEIS your most gratious Maiestie : As it wes my no small greiff when I onderstode of the sinister and wrongous misreporte of me, conserning my professioun in religeoun (the spreaderis of these calumnies, vpone ther conceaved advantage of the far distance of place, presuming that the partie whome they intend to vronge salbe condemned before hearing), so it is vnto me no small conforte to be the subiect of so gratious a soueraigne with whome no detractioun hath place, nor any evir be him convict unheard ; bot still reserving the one eare to the partie accused, whereof I haue found the particular prowife in this calumny laitly vttered againes me by Mr. Robert Wilkie, in that your maiestie wes pleased nott to trust what ves vttered vntill trayll wes taiken therof be my Lord Santandros ; and laitest, your maiestie did derect Sir Robert Douglas to bring your hines sertentie heirin, who no dout befor this tyme hes certified your maiestie how far I haue bene vronged in that bussynes, where the pretendit zeale whereof some makes professioun cauiss them forgett both honestie and discretioun. Alwayes it may veill content me to indure that which too often and most justlie hes moved my gratious maister and soueranes owen patience. I doe not intend to be in the reverence of any of these people, if they will deliuer no more then treuth, and if your maiestie wald be pleased to direct my Lords St. Androis and Glasgow to provyid many of our kirkes heir vith sick as wald not press to supplie there want of good doctrine and paynes, and there private instructioun, with a pretendit outward schaw and pretence of devoted zeale, no doubt it wald try a great meanes to strethen them who ar meanly groundit, and to releyue many who daylie fall away. It is now four yeares since your maiestie had a letter of my handvritt, which may giue full assurance of my professioun. Intreating therfor humble your maiestie to rest confident, notwithstanding of whatevir salbe informed to the

¹ Original in Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, 33. 1. VI. No. 45.

contrarie, vntill I sall refuiss the tuichstone of all dew tryall in geuing full satisfactione to the most worthie fatheryes of the church, and secunditt by these who serve cuire vnder them, as they themselves doe most worthely discharge there owen rowmes, and gives reasone of your maiesties most just praiss in making so good choice. And praying the Almichtie God long to continow your maiesties long and most happie gratious gouernament ower ws, I kiss yur sacred hand, and restis,

Your maiesties most devtifull subiect and seruitour,

ANGUS.

To my most gratious and dreid soueraigne, the Kingis most excellent maiestie.

175. THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND to KING CHARLES THE FIRST,
remonstrating against the restraint upon the Earl of Lothian. Edinburgh, 3d November 1643.¹

MOST sacred soverane, having hard diverse rumors of the Earle of Lothian's restraint, and haveing this day ressaved a petition frome his ladie in his behalfe, altho the confidence wee have of your majesties royal justice will not suffer ws to give beleife to anie such surmise, yet the duetic wee ow your majestie, and our respect to the just libertie and freedome of this kingdome, doth move ws to putt your majestie in remembrance, that as the said Earle his employmet and negotiatioun wes for the priviledges and immunitiess whiche your majesties subjects of this kingdome did enjoy in France, and the alliance betuix the kingdomes, so wes he be your majesties special warrand and auctoritie direct frome the Councell, who are entrusted with the administratioun and government of affaires for the good and peace of this kingdome. And for further demonstratioun of his duetic and of the respect of ws your majesties Counsell from whome he wes sent, he made his addresse before his going to France to ressave your majesties commandments, and vpon his retурne come to give your majestie ane accomp̄t of his negotiatioun, then whiche wee know no way could better witnes the heich regard wee have of your majesties royal auctoritie without derogating frome the laufull priviledge and freedome of this your majesties ancient and native kingdome; whiche being taken into your majesties consideration, and pondering in the ballance *

¹ From Original in the Marquis of Lothian's Charter-chest.

of your righteous judgment how muche all kingdomes and states are enterest in the saiftie and freedome of thair legats or commissioners, whither sent be subjects to thair owne King, or frome one kingdome to another, we trust that your majestie will not give place to anie suggestions or obloquies which may so muche reflect vpon your majesties honor and justice, or give just caus of greif or discontent to your majesties good subjects, who cannot bot interpret what is done to thair legat or commissioner to be done to thame that sent him. And if he hath committed anie thing (as we hope he hath not) dureing the tyme of his negotiation against your majestie or his countrey, the fundamentall liberties and independencie of this kingdome and the practises of former tymes doe requyre that he be tryed and judged at home, in a legal way, be the ordinarie judicatories of the land, whiche maks ws earnestlie entreat for his libertie and saiftie from all restraint (if anie be), that he may retурne and make known to ws the effects of his employmēt. And we are confident that this our humble and just desyre, which is so suitable to the law of nations, to the freedome of this kingdome, and to your majesties justice, will not be denied to

Your majesties most humble and faithfull subiects and servants,

LOUDOUN, Can ^{ll} rius.	ARGYLL.	MAR.	EGLINGTON.
CASSILLIS.	LAUDERDAILL.	LINDESAY.	ANGUS.
YESTER.	BALMERINO.	BURGHLY.	BALCARRES.

To the King's most sacred and excellent maiestie.

III.—LETTERS REFERRING TO THE BORDERS.

176. SIR SYMON MUSGRAVE, English Warden, to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, craving redress for depredations committed by Liddesdale men. Bewcastle, 21st October 1575.

IT maie please your Lordship to be aduertised, that since the late trobles dyd aryse betwene Sir Johne Foster and Mr. Carmichaell and the breakinge vp of the commissioners, there hathe bene divers spoyles made by the Lidisdales within my office, as by a sedule thereof your Lordship shall perceyve. Whereof I haue thought good, nowe, at your beinge vpon the Borders, to compleane me vnto your Lordship, and to crave that the same maie be redressyd accordeing to justice, as I will do the like for any offendis committed by any vnder my rule to any of youris (as peraduenture there hathe bene some sence that tyme). And further, if any of myne denay to haue offendyd, and yett are giltie, I wildo that in me lyethe to fyle them; and will deliuer them as fowle, so that I maie receyve the like justice of your Lordship; and than, no doubt but all offendis shalbe knowne and ponished accordinglye.

Where in my said sedule I compleane of Richies Martine for two horses he stole fro me, if it wold please your Lordship to be so muche my good Lord as to send some of your Lordships seruauntis to searche his house, I think they shold fynd one of them closely kepte within his house.

There are diuerse vther attemptatis wnansweryd, that Mr. Carmichaell, by his indenture, is bound to answer, which I will staie vntill his returne, onelesse your Lordship think them mete to be callyd vpon. And so, craving your Lordships determination in the premisses, with this bearer, my seruaunt, whome I haue directyd to attend of your Lordship for the same, I take my leave of your Lordship. At Bewcastle, this xxith of October 1575.

Your good Lordships to command in all lefull maner,

SYMON MUSGRAUE.

To the right honorable my verie good larde the Erle of Angus.

177. SIR CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS,
as to a hawk lent by him to Nesbett, Baron of Dalziel. Eslington,
31st October 1575.

RIGHT honorable, pleaseath your good Lordship to vnderstand, that on Nesbett, barrene of Dyell, cam to my hovse abovt Chrystinmas last, and I having a good goishawk, which cost me xx nobles sterlyng, and by mysfortone had broken sundry of her fethers in blvd, so that she could not fle at partrage that year, earnestly desiryd me that I wold let hym have the keping of my hawk and he wold cot her for me; at whose request I was content, and, movnthly after, I send and vyset her vntyll the truble of the Read Swyre chansed. And comeing from your Lordship at Hutonhall, William Hvme and I met the said barrene; and I ask hym for my hawk, he answered that a wod dog had kyld her, and so departed from vs. I am credibely informed that my hawk is at this present tyme in his keping in the Mars, and hayth kyled boyth heron and goyse. This berar wyll informe your Lordship, who wyll prove in his face that he hayth her. Tharfor, I must humbly crave your Lordship's accustowmed help in the premisses, that ether your Lordship wyll tayk her to your ovne vse, or els help me to her agane with sped, for I dovt les he ether convay her, or els do her some hurt. I delivered my Lord Regent graces letter to the young Lard of Cesfurd conserning my oxene, and can get no justice. I have sent to my Lord Regent grace agayne, when your Lordship was at Jedworth, and as yet I hear not agayne. If I sped not I wyll cavse a gentleman or two of Scotland saye vnto your Lordship that Dand Kar is fovl; for I have no other that I dar be so bold wyth in Scotland as with your Lordship. Hartely praying your Lordship of pardon for my baldnes at this tyme and all others, resting at your honor command in all lawfull poor, as please you to imploy me, as knoweth God, who preserve your honor in health, long to lyve. From my hovse at Eslington, the last day of October 1575.

Your Lordships to command with sarvyse,
CUTH. COLLANWOOD.

To the right honorable and my very good lord, the Earle of Angus at Davkethe.

178. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, Scotch Warden, to LORD SCROPE,
English Warden, postponing their meeting. Jedburgh, October 1575.
[Old copy.]

MY verie gude Lord, efter my maist hearty commendaciones in lefull maner. The Regentis grace, having intelligence, alsweill from zour Lordschip as otherwyse, of the lait attemptatis and disorders of certane the inhabitantis of Liddisdale, alsweill in England within your Lordschipis charge as in sum partes of this realme, is verie desirous to see the offenssis redressit and the offendouris pvnist, and that in sa substantious maner as the gude subiectis of baith the realmes heir-
after sall, God willing, leif the mair quietlie. For that purpois, and sum vther occasionis, hes a conventioun of sum of the nobilitie and states, about the xxiiij of this moneth, quhilk put him in sum doubt of my directioun hether, wer not he had wrtitin sa expreslie to zour Lordschip of my cuming, and that my delay mycht partly haue encouragit the thisis. For the present, having sa schort a tyme of remanng befoir the said conventioun, I can nather keip a meting with zour Lordschip as I thocht, nor hald a court in Liddisdaill; only I am to inquire the state of the cuntrie, and to louke quhat willing obedience I sall find, intending, howsoeuer it be, vpoun the end of the same conventioun, to returne againe sa prouidit as I hoip to caus thingis then be answerit and redressit to zour gude lyking and contentatioun. In the meantyme, gif zour Lordschip sall find ony redres and amendment offerit be the offendouris, ze will accept it as ze see caus; for vpoun my awin aganecuming, quhilk salbe sa schortlie as possiblie I can, zour Lordschip sall see guidwill and travell vsit to supplie all thing now wanting. And sa for the present I commit zour Lordschip in the protectioun of Almichtie God. At Jedburgh, the of October 1575.

Zour Lordshipis verie assurit in all lefull maner.

To the richt honorable my verie gude lord, the Lord Scrope, Lorde Warden
of the West Marche of England foranent Scotland.

179. SIR CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS,
as to dispute with Sir John Forster. Eslington, 14th December 1575.

RIGHT HONORABLE, my lawfull and dewe commendations vnto your Lordship remembred. Pleasethe yow to vnderstand that Sir John Forster chargethe me that I did promysse your Lordship to disprove all his woords which he alledged

for him concerning the Reed Swyer, and that all the fault was in him, which I denied. He aunswere agayne that one of the best of the east end of the Marshe wold prove it in my face, afore any noble man in England. I have bene an earnest dealer with Sir Jhon Forster to bring it to a tryall, or els to knowe the man's nam, as this bearor can informe your Lordshipp, trusting that your Lordshipp will witnessse whether ever I mayd your Lordshipp any suche promisse, or that ever your Lordshipp dyd charge me with any such matter. I was informed that your Lordshipp should have bene at a bankett afore Christenmñas, and therefor I have sent yow suche venyson as I could gett, of the very best in this countrey, and a couple of hounds. I trust there is a gentleman that will informe your Lordshipp of my oxen, which I have oftymes trubled your Lordship withall. I have more nead of your Lordshipp's help nowe for my hawk then I had afore, for that I have non. My Lord Hunsden got hir that your Lordshipp gave me. Thus bold to trouble your Lordshipp with sundrye tryfling cawses, craving perdon for the sayme, and remayning at your Lordshipp's command, with full power I committ yow to God, who preserve your Lordshipp in honour and healthe long, to his pleasur. From my house at Eslington, the xijijth daye of Decembre 1575.

Your Lordship's to command with lawfull servys,

CUTH. COLLANWOODD.

To the right honorable my very good lord, the Earle of Angus.

180. SIR JOHN FORSTER, English Warden, to JAMES, EARL OF MORTON, Regent of Scotland, craving redress for spoliation committed by certain Douglases. Hexham, 6th May 1576.

MAIE it please your grace to be advertised, that Mongoe Duglas of Reipup, and Mathew Dowglas, with other there copartners, have come to a place called the Newe Hall, within my office of the Midell Marches, and have made an open rieffe and farrowe of a verie poore man, called Robertt Gibsoun, and tooke from hym thirtie oxen and kye; and for that there is no tyme of meitenge, by meanes of the distaunce nowe of the Borders that no meitenges doo holde, necessitie forceth me to be an vmbell sutor unto your grace, becaswe the Warden doeth ansewere but for a certeyne that your grace will geve order that the poore man maie be restored to his goodis ageyne, as I shalbe readie in this tyme, nowe vacant, as I have bene, as I trust Mr. Carmichaell will confesse, that I did vpon his letter sent, as I

shalbe readie to doo in that, or in any other thinge youre grace will commaunde me with, that maie be a contynewance of the peace and quietnes of the Borders betwene the realmes. Even so praienge your graces answere by this berer, even so committenge your grace to the mercifull defence of th' Almighty. At Hexham, this vith of Maie 1576.

Your graces leifull vmbelie to commaunde,

JOHN FORSTER.

To the right honorable and my verie good lorde, the Lord Regentis grace of Scotlaund, to his good grace.

181. THE SAME to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, in reference to various matters on the Borders. Hexham, 16th May 1576.

MAIE it please your Lordshippe to be advertised. Your Lordshippes letter, dated at Jedbrughe, the xiiijth of Maie instant, the xvith of this present, perceavenge therebie that your Lordshippes affaires so requires, that your Lordship could not make any longer staie, wherebie, if you had, I woulde gladlie have geven my attendance vppon your Lordship there for the takenge order of all attemptates done, and accordenge to your Lordshippes dyrection. I shalbe readie to make present redresse for the thinges in your Lordshippes bill named, all but for on, which is for the horsse that Douglas claymeth, which is a great while goe, and yet for that shall seie redresse made to your Lordshippes contentment, althothe the Ingleshe man claymeth he tooke the said Douglas in Englishe grounde, which resteth vppone prouffe, and therrefore not onelie in this your Lordships desire, but in anye other thinge your Lordship can thinge [think] a mayntenance of the amytie and peace for the realme of Scotlaund, I shall, for the part of Englaund, willengelie joyne to seie the same putt in execution, and also will in tyme to come, in all other attemptates, if your Lordship so thinke it requisitt, that what so ever yow ma saie of your honor that haeth filed the realme of Englaund, to make present deliuerie thereof, trustenge your Lordship will seie that I maie receave the like of your Lordship, or those by you assigned for the part of Englaund, and inspeciallie, that your Lordship will take order that the poore man Gibsoun maie be restored with his goodes, for that the same was an open rieffe, as I shall seie the like for John of Larnarstarnebirne, the spedies[t] deliuuerance shalbe an occasione of staie of all the rest and a dauenteneng to the thieves, and accordenge to your Lordshippes letter. For Bondgedbrughe and the Laird of Hunthill, I have written a letter

vnto them, and will, in any thinge that shalbe dyrected by them, as your Lordship assignes, doe that which vnto justice apperteyneth. Trusting your Lordship will geve them the dyrection in like maner that I maie receave. For nether for theis attemptates nor any other that maie be acceptable to you, but I shalbe readie, all that in me, I maie lawfullie satisfie your Lordships desire at your commaundement. My Lord, for the matter for Douglas horsse, sence that attemptat done, there haeth bene xlⁱⁱ committed in Englaund, and yet I have made no clayme but for open rieffes. And this I vmbelie take my leave of your Lordshippe, committeng the same to the mercifull defence of th' Almightye. At Hexham, this xvith of Maie 1576.

Your Lordshippes assured, leifullie to commaund,

JOHN FORSTER.

To the right honorable and my verie good lord, the Earle of Angus.

182. THE SAME to WILLIAM DOUGLAS of Bonjedward, relating to Border crimes. Hexham, 29th May 1576.

AFTER my verie hartie commendacions in leifull maner. Theis are to adverteice yow that, the xxiiijth of this present moneth, Marten Crosier and his sonn Marten, Robert Crosier, Martens brother, Arche Crosier, Adams Archie, and Jaymey Crosiers sonn, ridenge of Jaymes Trumbells horsse of Stoneyleache, and John Trumbelles of Repperlawe, came to Tyndale, and there entended to have slayne Arche Robsone, Stoanehouse sonne ; and he beinge gone to the Quenis maiesties court to Warike, the mett with a younge childe called Henrie Robson, being Jefferey Robsons sonn of the Stoanehouse, whoe the haue murdered and slayne verie cruellie ; which I have thought good to adverteice the Lord of Angus of, and yow, for that I take it somewhat towcheth his creditt and yours, being appoynted his deputie nowe in his absence. The thinge is not sufferable, and if some spedie ponishement be not made herein, it will torne to more vnconveniencie. I have staide the parties greved as yet, while I heare further from his Lordship and yow, praieng you to conveie this my letter to his Lordship, and to send me his answere, for that I have appoynted this berer to tarie for the same. And this I bid yow ffarwell. At Hexham, the xxixth of Maie 1576.

Your lovenge and leifull freind,

JOHN FORSTER.

To the worshipfull and my verie loveng freinde, the Lard Abundgedwoerde, theis yeve.

183. THE SAME to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, informing him of
a cruel murder. Hexham, 29th May 1576.

MAIE it please your honor to be advertised that, on Thursedaie last, beinge the xxiiijth of this present moneth, Marten Crosier, accompayned with his sonn Marten, Robert Crosier brother of Marten, Arche Crosier, Adams Archie, Jeymey Crosiers sonn, ridenge of Jeymey Trumbells horsse of Stoneyleache, and John Trumbell of Repperlawe, whoe have come into Tyndale, and there pretended to have slayne Archey Robson, Stoanehouses sonn, whoe being gone to the Quenes maiesties courte to Warike, did misse hym, and after went and killed on Henrie Robsoun, the sonn of Jefferey Robsoun, verie cruellie, beinge a verie younge childe of xvij yeres of age, in cutteng of on of his legges, and dismembred hym verie tyrantlie. I think theire have offered your honor greate iniurie, that theire should this behave them selves, conciderenge the amitie nowe betwene the realmes. I thought good to adverteice your honor thereof, trustenge your honor will seie thes there doenges to be reformed, to th' example of others; ffor, notwithstanding this there interprise and open facte, this notorious done, I have staide the parties greved, while I maie understand further your honors pleasure, which I prae you I maie be advertised of with all speide, for otherwaies it maie geve an occasion of further vncconvenience to growe. And this I committ your honor to the mercifull defence of th' Almightye. At Hexham, the xxixth of Maie 1576.

Your honors leifull vmbelie to commaunde,

JOHN FORSTER.

To the right honorable and my verie good lorde, the Earle of Angus, Lord Livetenent of the Marches of Scotlaund.

184. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR JOHN FORSTER, in answer
to the above. Dalkeith, 5th June 1576. [Contemporary copy.]

MY LORD, efter my richt herty commendationes. I ressauit zour lettre the fourt day of this present moneth, schawing how Martyne Croser, togidder with sum vtheris of that name, hath cum within zour office in Tyndell, and that, purposing to haue slayne Archey Robsoun, Stanehousis sone, hath missit him, and thairefter went and hath slayne Henry Robsoun, sone to Jaffray Robsoun. I am sorey that ony sic attemptat suld fall out, cheiffie in this tyme of sa great quietnes, the

realmes being at sic amytie ane with another ; assuring your Lordship I will see sic order taken for pvnishment of it as sall stand to zoure contentment, not doubting bot as sic occasionis fallis out, to ressue the like at zour handes. It is not vnknawin to zow how that thir men quha is the doaris of this deid, had thre of there brethir slayne in the tyme of peax, quha I doubt not will compleine sa sone as I preis to take order with thame for this offence laitly committit, not meaning vtherwyse bot sufficient order salbe takin for it. There is lykwyse sum billis quhilkis I send to zour Lordschip at my being in Jedburgh, quhilkis, as I vnderstand, ar not zit redressit, quhairof I mon put zour Lordschip in remembrance, that the complenaris may be satisfait, in respect the guidis quhilkis wer takin be Mathew Douglas wer, soone aftir my returning out of the cuntrie, deliuering. Thairfore I doubt not bot ze will se sic order takin as they guidis, togidder with Mathew Douglas hors, may be restorit. This, having na forder occasioune for the present, I commit zour Lordschip to God. At Dalkeith, the fyft day of Junii 1576.

Zour Lordschipis assurit freind to my pouer.

185. SIR JOHN FORSTER to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, as to his
sureties to the late Earl of Murray, Regent. Alnwick, 27th October
1576.

MAIE it please your honor to be advertised. Your honors letter, dated the xviith of this present, I receaved the xxiiith of this instant, together with a copie of a band supposed that I shoulde have made to your late Regent, the Earle of Murrey deceased; and, accordenge to the purport of your said letter, I have receaved your clarcke for widowe Headlies bill, havenge deliuering hym ageyne, either to enter at the nexte meitenge as on made worthe the some, or elsse, that a faltor, beinge a principall conteyned in the said bill, maie be deliuering.

And even so for Gawen Collengewodes bill, accordenge to your honors desire, have spared the same while the nexte meitenge; but whereas it pleaseth your honor to chardge me by the supposed bonde, that I shoulde have made to the said late Regent for the good behavior of certeyne of the Forsters dwellenge in Greane Hawghe vnder Johaine Forster of Eddessepefoate, I assure your honor I cannot call to my remembrance that ever I made anye suche bande, but if I did, I truste the same be nowe deschardged, by reason the Earle of Murrey is nowe departed, and in like maner Joahin Forster. Yet, notwithstandinge, I shall, for

pleasure of your honor, vse my endevor with all expedition, all that in me lieth, that neither the said attemptatis, nor anye other offendenge your honor, shall have any recoursse within my office, or be receyved by anye that are towardsis me otherwaies then shalbe ansewerable to your honor or your deputies.

And lastelie, shall make my acquayntance with such as are my freindis in the West Borders, to be readie to vse and shewe your deputie Mr. Hvme, now keper of Lidesdale, any pleasure theie can, in repulse of any thieffe or traitor that shall resiste hym; and I, myselffe, readie in any thinge that I leifullie maie to pleasure your honor with, as knoweth th' Almightye God, to whose holie protection I commit your honor. At my house nighe Alnewicke, the xxviith of October 1576.

Your honorable Lordeshippes leifull vmbelie to commaunde,

JOHN FORSTER.

To the righte honorable and my verie good lorde, the Earle of Angus, Lorde Livetennent-Generall of Scotland, to his good lordship.

186. SIR CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS,
claiming redress against the Laird of Mow. Eslington, 14th November
1576.

RIGHT HONORABLE, please the yow to be advertised that I have billede the Lard of Mowe seruauntis to owre daye trewe for four score old sheep thay have of myne sence Christynmas last, which billis the Lard hathe qwit his men of; and then I desyred the Lard of Sesforthe to affyrm his oythe vpon his honour, which he wold not do, and further sayd he wold nether qwit nor fyll those billis except your Lordshipp commanded hym. Therfor I humbly beseeche your Lordshipp to call the Lard of Sesforthe afore yow and ether to cawse him qwyte or fyle thame, confirmen to your Lordshippis order mad in Jedwoorthe, for withoutw your Lordshippis help I will gett no justice in this matter, which is manefestly knownen to the holl countre, as this berour cann declayre, by whom I have sent your Lordshipp a couple of good and fleet hundis, and yf yt please your Lordshipp to have as fleet a brache, and tugher then ever maiden was, and oppen with all, I shall send yow hir, and what other hundis ye will command not to fayll. I mynd to charge your Lordshipp no more for short wynged hawkis, thay luck so evill with me; but another year I will desyre lange wynged. Thus, resting at your Lord-

shippis command in all that I maye lawfully do, as knowethe God, who preserve your Lordshipp in honour and health long to his pleasur. At Eslington, the xiiith daye of Novembre 1576.

Your Lordshippis to command with lawfull servyse,

CUTET. COLLINGWOOD.

To the right honorable the Earle of Angus, Lord Levettan of Scotland.

187. JOHN SELBY of Twysell, Deputy Warden of the East March of England, to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, Lieutenant-General of the Scottish Borders, as to redress for offences on the Border. Berwick, 17th November 1576.

PLEASETH your Honor, I receaved a letter frome Sir John Foster, lord warden of the midill marches of England, ymporteng that your Honor had wryten your lettre latlye vnto hym, signefieng therbye that your Honor will be myndfull of the redresse of thatt odyeouse attempt of the prisoners lat taken into Ledisdall, and some of them as yet retayned as gage for ranson of the others.

And the owt crye of my cuntrye, seyng the great misvseng of the Queneis maiesties my soveraigns subiectis, make me the rather to signifie vnto your Honor herof, not dowtteng your Honors spedye redrese and reformatieon herin.

Disierouse to vnderstand wherin I might do your Honor anye lefull pleasure in thesse partis, the which I shalbe readye to accomplesh to your Honors good pleasure, as knoweth the Almightye, who I besech to preserue your Honor to his havenlye will and pleasure.

Frome Berwick, the xviith of Novembre anno 1576.

Your Honors moste humbly in lefull manner,

JHON SELBY.

To the right honorable the Earll of Angus, Lord Leuetenant of the south partis of Scotland.

188. THE SAME to THE SAME, urging stronger measures of repression on the Border. Berwick, 26th January 1576.

RIGHTE HONORABLE, in lefull manner, pleaseth your Honor to call to remembrance your lat order made with Sir John Foster, lord warden of the midill marches of England, at Jedbrughe, as tucheng the reformation of the disorders of the

Borders, and especiallie sence the Read Swyer, whervpon I wrott vnto my Lord Hunsden, lord governour and lord warden of thesse east marches of England, who liked well therof and agreed to the same; and vpon his Honors answer of agreeng thervnto, I sent the roullis of England to the Lord of Cesforth, your Honors warden, who receaved them. I loked to haue receaved his complentis, yf he had anye. I thinke he haith none. I nether haue the complentis of England answered, accordeng to the said order taken, nor daieis of metteng appoynted; the Queneis maiestieis subiectis daiylie and nightlie spoylded; within this xiii dayes, x or xii spoyllesis committed, and, as I am informed, by them of East Tevedall, and especyallie by frendis of John Davesons of the Hollfield, who haith one complent in controversie, and I readye to obserue that order latt sett downe at Rydengborne by the goodman of Manderston and Lord Treabroune, who was sent from the Lord Regente; and the same Daveson denyeth the accom- plisheement of the said order, as I shall well prove. Yf yt maye please your Honor that ther maye be a daye of metteng appoynted, I shall mete with your offeceris, who shall want notheng of the partie of England that maye appertayne to justice, not dowbteng but to fynd the like, wheras best tryall maye be in whosse default the staye of justice haith bene. Trusteng your Honor will con- sider of thesse greatt spoylleis made vpon the Queneis maiestis subiectis, and thatt metengis maye be appoynted with expedeecon; thus, leaveng to troble your Honor anye further, lokeng for your Honor's good answer with expedecyeon, I take my leave. Frome Berwick, this xxvith daye of Januarii anno 1576.

Your Honors most humblie in lefull manner,

JHON SELBY.

To the right honorable the Earll of Angus, Lord Levetenant in the southe partis of Scotland, yeve thesse.

189. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to JOHN SELBY of Twysell, in answer to the foregoing. Holyrood House, 2d February 1576. [Copy.]

AFTER my very herte commendationes. I haue ressauit zour lettre, putting me in remembrance of the lait order taken be me with the lord warden of the middle marche of England, tueching the reform of the disorders on the Bordouris, and how ze send zour rollis to the Lard of Cesfurde, louking to haue ressauit his complaunt; howbeit ze can nowther haue ansuer, as ze write, at his handis, nor dayes of meting appointed. As to the order taken at Jedburgh,

I traist ze soll find na inlaik for thame that I haif appointed my deputis to meit and mak answer for ; and the like I think the Lard of Cesfurd soll not be found vnwilling to do at zour desyr. Johne Davisonis mater is indeid mair hard and strangely vsed then I wald wishe, or quhair gude meaning is to interteane the amytie and gude nychtbourheid ; and the delay to rander that puir man reassoun I se discouragis ws all to proceid with that ernestnes that heirofor hes apperit on my part. And to be plane, I think gif the Regentis grace had not louked for sum better effect to follow on zour meting with the gentilmen that conferrit with zow at Reddenburn, he had neyther troublit him self nor thame as he did in that behalfe. Quhat wes the order taken laityt at Reddenburn I can not affirme, and gif I did, I wald see how the gentilmen that convenit with zow agreed with zour report. In sic a mater I think ane indent, interchangeably subscruift, suld best testifie zour conclusionis. In end, I say that nane is mair sorey of disorders nor my self, nor salbe mair cairfull to see hir maiesties subiects dewtifully answerit and redressit, finding the like. And sa, wisheing for sum better and freindly answer in this mater, even as ze wald haue my awin guidwill the rather ernestly employed in the generall, committis zow in the protectioun of God. At Halyruidhouse, the secund of Februar 1576.

Zour loving freind to my pouer.

To my loving freind Johnne Selby of Twysell, deputy wardane of the eist marche of Scotland foranent England.

190. SIR JOHN FORSTER to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, as to
depredations on the English Borders. Alnwick, 9th February 1576.

MAIE it please your Honor to be advertised, that I have receaved a letter with certeyne roles frome the Larde Abundgedworthe, concernenqe certeyne attemptates committed sence our laste meitenge, at whiche meitenge the said Lard Abundgedworthe refused to ansewere for Liddesdale. In like maner, by occasion of the Lard of Cesfordes longe absence, no ansewere haeth ben made or receaved, althoughe diuerse greatt attemptates haeth ben, and are dailie committed by the evell people of that cuntrie. The premises concidered, I thoughte it good to impartt the same vnto your Honor, even so praienghe your ansewere in writenqe with all expedition, at whose handes I shall receave justice for those twoo boundes. The tyme of the yere sarveth nowe verie well that some meitenges might be appoynted

which I, for the partt of Englaund, shalbe readie to doo in all respectis accordenge to the order made betwene your Honor and me at Gedbroughe. My verie good Lorde, I deliuered Will Headlies sonn, of the Sills, to Gawen Elwoodd, whoe dealeth verie hardelie with hym, and his mother is not abell to relewe her said sonn onlesse your Honors helpe her with the deliuerie of her bill, which I hartelie prae yow, that the rather at this my desire she maie receave at the writengen of this my letter. Vppon occasion of vrgentt affaires, Mr. Selbie, the deputie warden of the east marches, was with me, and declared that he had imparted vnto the Lorde Hunsedoun, lord warden of the east marches, of the said agreement taken betwene your Honor and me, who esteamed verie well thereof, and dyrected hym to followe that order for any attemptates committed within his said office; and yet, he saith he cannot get the like redresse at the Lard of Cesforde handes, althoughe he haeth sent in his roles, and as yet haeth not receaved any answere of them, nor any countervaile roles. And this, resteng of your Honors answere, I doo, for this present, committ your Honor to Godes dyrection. At my house nigh Alnewick, this ixth of Februarie 1576.

Your honorable Lordshippes leifullie to comaund,

JOHN FORSTER.

To the right honorable and my verie good lord, the Earle of Angus, Lorde Livetennent of the Borders of Scotland, to his good Lordship.

191. SIR CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS,
Lord-Lieutenant of the Scottish Border, praying for redress against
the Laird of Bon Jedward, etc. Eslington, 13th February 1576.

RIGHT HONORABLE, my leifull service and dewtye remembred. Please the your Lordship to be advertysed, that, wher your Lordships letter was, that I should have justice according to lawe and custom at the Lard of Bune Jedwoorthe hand for my bills, and withall, willed me to tayk the principall, and to do the Lard of Mowe ease for the rest, at your Lordships desyre I was and is content to tayk the principall and band for the dubles, whiche band was denied my freindes, my self being absent that day the Lard of Bune Jedwoorthe trysted. Vntill your Lordships pleasure be further knowen, humbly beseeaching your Lordship of justice, withe your favor, as other men gettis that hath the vowers according to lawe and custom; or yf it be your Lordships pleasure that I shall forgeve the holl

billes, boythe dubles and principall, I will do it, or I offend your Lordship. But to spare him any thing that willfully periured him self and brake your Honors order, as afterhend it was vowed to your Lordship, I cannot do it withe my credit; for of layt his men hath stollen my sheep, and him self threateneth to kill this beror for coming my lawfull busines to your Lordship, as he cann declare, vnto whom I refer credit. I have provyded a huntman for your Lordship, thatt can blawe a horn excellent well, a yong man. Yf he can do your Lordship any pleasure at this present, he is ready at your command. Thus, praying your Lordship to send the Lard of Bune Jedwoorth and me your resolute answser in the premisses, whiche shalbe kept on my part, or any other thing that I am able to do for your Lordship in England, as knowethe God, who preserve your Lordship in honor and health long to his pleasur. At Eslington, the xijth day of February 1576.

Your Lordships to command with lawfull service,

CUTE^T. COLLINGWOODD.

To the right honorable the Earle of Angus, Lorde Levtenant of Scotland.

192. JOHN SELBY to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, complaining of the encouragement given to the thieves of East Teviotdale. Berwick, 16th February 1576.

RIGHT HONORABLE, I haue receaved your Honors lettre of the second of this instaunt, perceavenge the contentis therof. As tucheng the lack of mettengis, I signefied vnto the Lard of Cesforth heartofore, and now most humblie besecheng your Honor to call ffor hym, seyng he ys, as I hear, remayneng with your Honor; and I requyer he maye appoynt a daye of metteng at Rydeng Borne, wher he shall fynd no lack of justice for the part of England, and I shall loke for the lyk.

The lack of mettengis haith geven the theveis of East Tevedall such incowragment, as ther ys allmost no night, wheras ther ys not made oppen robberyeis of the Queneis maiesteis subiectis within the east marcheis hear. Ther is one man oppenlye robbed in Hawghton of his goodis and hym self slayne.

Ther ys one other man robbed in the Spittell, and hym self dangerouslie hurt.

Ther ys one man in Lowick who haith his goodis taken, and ys thought hym self will not lyve.

All thesse, with viij or viij attemptis done of goodis with them of East Tevedall within theys marche, within these xx dayes.

So that the theveis take such incowragment for lack of mettengis, and no man lyeng within East Tevedall to complayne vnto, that yt ys all I can to staye the Queneis maiestieis subiectis thus opprest frome sekeng theyr reveng, for, they saye, better for them to haue warris then thus nightlie to be spoylld both of goodis and bloud, vnder the pretenc of peace. But not dowbteng your good Honors good expedeeyon for justice to be taken with your deputies, lokeng for your answer herin with speed.

Your Honor wrytis to me as tucheng John Daveson of Whyttons goodis. I did therin accordeng to th' order taken at Rydeng Borne, whiche he refewsed; and senth I reseaved your Honors letter I haue had with me Sir Thomas Greye and his tennentis, and haue streathlie charged them to fynd owt all the goodis of Jock a-Wyttons that ys alyve, and haue searched and foundw owt so manye of them as ar alyve, as his men saith to me of theyr credettis, and this present daye haue sent them to the ma[r]che, wher, as I think, Jock Daveson shall thank hym seif well contented. At the least, accordeng to the order taken at Rydengborne, the coppie wherof I haue sent herin closed, Jock a-Whitton shall fynd justice at my handis in everye behalf, whan the warden and I metteis, and the rather at your Honors request; and yf ther be anye theng in England that I maye lefullye do your Honor pleasur in, I shalbe most willeng to accomplesh your disier, as knoweth the Almightye, who preserue your Honor to his will and plesure. At Berwick, this xvijth day of February, anno 1576.

Your Honors lefullye,

JHON SELBY.

Copy of the Order taken at Rydeng Burn, enclosed.

At Reddingbourne, the laste of November 1576.

It is ordened and appoynted by the worshefull Mr. John Selby, deputie warden, Mr. Allexander Hume of Manderston, and the Lard Trabroune, that Sir Thomas Grey or his deputis shall send and delyver suche goodis as arre in place or leving to Preswen, the xiijth day of December next insewing, which weare John Davysons goodis of the Hollefylde, and were povnded within Englishe grounde, and for the reste of the holle goodis abone said, which cane not be had, nor then delyvered at that said daye and place.

It is appointed that the goodis wanting shalbe tryed by assyes of Englishemen and Scottishe men, at the next daye of Trewe holden at the este marche, and by theme to be tryed in whome the defaulte is; and yf ther be any of the said goodis

slayne by anny Englisheman, to ther owne vse, to be tride vppon and in lyck case to be ordened by the said assies, and to be called and joined to the assyes any Englishman, the said John Daveson is plentios of, vppon the said complaint.

And for John Davysons sonne Richard Davisons horse, to be tried by the same assies.

And John Scottis horse, nowe in the hand of Nycoll Davyson, to be tryd by the said assies.

And this order to tacke effect yf yt maye stand with my Lord Regentis graces pleasure.

To the right honorable the Earll of Angus, Lord Leveteynnant of the south partis of Scotland, yeue thesse.

193. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR CUTHEERT COLLINGWOOD,
relative to Border affairs. [Copy.] Holyroodhouse, 18th February
1576.

EFTER my verie hertlie commendationes. I ressauit zour lettre of the xiijth of this instant, declaring be the same of the tryst betuix the Lard of Bone Jedburgh and sum of zoure freindis, anent the deliivery for zour billis fylit vpoun certane seruandis of the Lard of Mowis. I wald the mater had bene sa handillit amangis thame than, as it suld not haue bene neidfull to cum to ony farder trysting. I think zour awin presence at that tyme suld haue bene na litle further to the mater thay had in hand (being weill assurit of the guidwill that ayther of zow bearis to vther). Seing your vther affaires wes the stay of zour cuming, I think it salbe gude ze write to the Lard of Bone Jedburgh, that ane day may be appointit of new, as zour selffis can aggre, quhairinto ze may meit zour selffis, that ane end may be put to that mater. As to the gentleman in quhaiis faouris I wrait to zow of befoir, in respect the mater is of sa litle importance, it is notmekle to be stucken at, for the like hes bene oftymes grantit afoir be sindrie of baith the realmes, with na great sute. Thairfore I refer that part of it to zour awin discretiouun, and as ze wald that I suld do to zow quhen the like occurris. I thank zow for zour arrowis ze send to me. Gif I had a halk presentlie meit for zour purpos, I suld be laith to be in zour dett. Alwyse, as I gett ony, ze sall not be forzett. Sa, leving for the present quhill farther occasiouun, committis zow to God. At Halyrudehous, the xviith of Februar 1576.

Zour assured freind lefully.

194. SIR JOHN FORSTER to WILLIAM DOUGLAS of Bonjedburgh, Deputy Warden for West Teviotdale, in the Middle Marches, in answer to complaints. Alnwick, 21st February 1576.

AFTER hartie commendations in leifull maner. Your letters dated the last daie of Januarie I receaved, together with a schedull of your roles of diuers attemptates to be redressed. Perceavene by the contentes of your said letter, that in two poyntes, chieffelie, you fynde your selffe not fullie answereid, th' on concernenge a bill of Will Ollevers, and th' other for the bill of trubaunce of the Larde of Beadrowles, to the whiche I am to replie, that for Ollevers bill, if you will of your honor affirme vnto me by your hande writen ge that his bossond meire ffiled the midell marches, I shall at the nexte meitenge ffile the same, and so, for th' other, shall there answere the same as shall staunde with justice and the lawes of the Borders.

And whereas, in th' end of your said letter, relacion is made that yow fynde your selffe verie hardelie handlett at the handis of such as have met yow as my deuteis, I my selffe am not well contented therewith; but in tyme to come shall take suche order for your entereynement as shalbe to your owen contentment.

And nowe, to retorne to the full answere of your said letter, the stae whie I did not write vnto you was, for that I rested vppon th' answere of a letter that I sent to the Lord of Angus, concernenge the greate and sondrie rieffes made by the broken people of Lidesdale and the inhabitantis of East Tivedale, ffor that the kepers of those cuntries are not knownen, and, therebie, I not abell to knowe at whose handis I shoulde ask redresse, whiche answere as yet I have not receaved; and conciderenge the dailie open spoiles made by those twoo cuntrie, and howe open our Borders doo lie by that meanes, have nowe thought good, once ageyne, to putt his Lordship in remembrance thereof, praienga you to cawse my said letter and the roles of Lydesdale and Easte Tivedale to be sent to his Lordshyppe, that suche as shall please hym to appoynte to be his officers for those twoo cuntries, maie geve th' answere with as moche expedicion as maie be. In like maner, I send you a copie of the attemptats committed by the inhabitantis of West Tivedale vnder your boundes, whiche I praienga you to concider of in like maner as I shall doo of yours, and that these maie have the stroke of justice as I shall doo vnto yours, and to send your answere of them within xiiij daies, as I

shall doo of yours ; and within viij daies then followenge, that a daie of deliuerie maie be named concernenge the said bills. I wishe our next meitenge to be appoynted at Hexpeth gate head, and as I shall receve adverciment from you, even so I shall doo. Lastelie, I am to adverteice yow that longe John Elwood, brother to Will Elwood of the Stele, and other his accomplices, have come to my groundes in Hexham Sheire, and have stolen awaie a hundredth of my beast wethers, wherof there are arrested, as I am enformed by the bailives of Hawick, xxxvij, which I am to prae you that I maie receve justice for at our next meitenge. And this, I bid you hartelie farewell. At my house nighe Alnewicke, this xx^j of Februarie 1576.

Your lovenge assured and leifull freinde,

JOHN FORSTER.

To the worshipfull and my verie lovenge and leifull freinde, Mr. Williame Dowglas, Lard Abundgedbrough, deputie warden for West Tivedale, within the midell marches of Scotland.

195. THE SAME to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, relating to Border depredations. Alnwick, 22d February 1576.

MAIE it please your Honor to be advertised that I did beffore this tyme impart vnto your Honor the state of our Borders, and howe that the Lard of Bundgedworthe, your deputie, refused to ansewere for Liddesdale or East Tivedale, whiche cuntries have, and dailie doo, make great spoile within my office of the middell marches ; and for that, as yet, I haue not receaved any ansewere of my saied letter, I haue thought good, in theis ffewe lynes, to putt your Honor in remembrance concernenge my former letter ; and becausse there is no officer as yet knownen to be appoynted by your Honor to ansewere for Lidesdale, and that the Lard of Cesford is absent and vnknownen whether he be or contynew warden, I haue thought good to send unto your Honor the copie of the roles, as well of th' attemptatis of Lidesdale as of Easte Tivedale, vmbelie beseicheng your Honor that suche as shall please yow to haue the chardge of those two cuntries maie haue them deliuered, and that I maie receave at their handis justice, as I shalbe readie to doo vnto them for the partt of Englaund, receavenge the like roles from them. Thus, not doubteng but your Honor will have consideracione of the openes of our Borders at this present by meanes no meitenges of longe tyme have

bene appoynted, I doo, for this present, committ your good Lordshippe to the protection of th' Almyghtie. At my house nighe Alnewicke, this xxijth of Februarie 1576.

Your honorable Lordshippes leifullie vmbelie to commaunde,

JOHN FORSTER.

I sent your Honor a letter by Mr. Selbie of Barwick, which, I feare, be not come to your Honors handis.

To the right honorable and my verie good lorde, the Earle of Angus, Lorde Lyvetennent of Scotlaund.

196. THE SAME to THE SAME, complaining of cruelty to a child, and seeking redress. Alnwick, 22d February 1576.

PLEASETH it your Lordship to be advertised that, at the writinge of this my lettore, William Hedleyes wife of the Sills cam vnto me with hir chyldes fute rotten fra hym at the junte, throwe the crewelnes of the irnes layed vpon hym by Gawen Elvode. I trust your Lordship will considerre the cawse therof was for lacke of the delyverye of there bill, whiche shold haue bene the releif for the lowsinge of the childe, wheren I haue your Lordships bande for the delyverye therof; vther wayes they ware not able to paye Gawen Elvode. The partyes dothe so sclander me for lacke of delyverye therof, that I trust your Lordship will cawse delyverye be maid therfore without anye further delaye. Desyryngne your Lordships aunswere heren with this berare, I commit your Lordship to the Almyghtye God. At my howse nighe Alnewicke, this xxijth of February 1576.

Your Lordship's assured leiffullye to comande,

JOHN FORSTER.

To the ryght honorable and my verye gude lord, the Earle of Angus, Lorde Lyvetennent of the sowthe partes of Scotlande, yeve theis.

197. JOHN SELBY, Deputy English Warden, to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, relating to trials for Border depredations. Berwick, 27th February 1576.

RIGHTE HONORABLE, my dewtie remembred in leffull maner. I haue caused all the goodis that is alyve of Johne a-Whyttons to be offred him, accordinge to the

order tacken at Reden Bovrne by Mr. Allexander Hume, Larde Treebrowne, and I; the coppye wheareof I haue sent vnto your Honour in my laste letter. John a-Whytton desyres that the goodis and the sysses maye be all of one daye, wher vnto I am contented, so that yt maye spedilye be doun; ffor, of reason, ther shall no justice lacke ffor this marche that I haue to do.

Theis marches are delie spowld with the theves of Tyvedale ffor lacke of mytingis; and yf your honour do not shortly appoynt your offecer ffor Este Tyvedale to met, I moste sarttyfie the Lordis of the Counsell and my govarnour howe ofte I haue craved yt at your Honors handes, and cane not haue yt. Yt is verie strange, ffor one manes particular cause, that al mens showlde be staid. For when yt comes to tryall, we haue greater causes to crave. I wold haue thought the order sette downe by your Honour and my lord warden of the midle marches of England in Jedburgh should haue bene performed, which was, that all attemptes sence the Red Swyre showlde haue bene redresed ffurste, and this of John Davesons was dounne aeyre beffore. Hoppinge ffor your Honours good answer in wrytting, I commytt your Honour to the protecsyon of the Almightye. In Barwicke, the xxvijth of Februarie 1576.

Your Honors leffully,

JHON SELBYE.

To the righte honorable the Earle of Angus, Lorde Leffetennant of the sowthe partes of Scotland.

198. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR JOHN FORSTER, English Warden, as to redress of Border grievances. Holyroodhouse, 29th February 1576. [Old copy.]

MY LORD, after my verie hertly commendationes. I ressauit zour lettre, daited the ix of Februarii, vpoun the xxv of the same, sa as the occasioun of the delay of zour ansuer is not in me. For the hinder of metingis betuix zow and the Laird of Cesfurde for Eist Teviotdaill, he hes abiddin the maist part of this winter heir at Edinburgh, bot now, I hoip, sall shortly be at hame, and will not faill to ansuer zow as apertenis. And for Liddisdaill, I intend within few dayes to direct sic in Teviotdaill as sal haue charge to put that mater to poynt, be quhom also ze salbe aduertizit, that the billis on ather part may be interchangeit, and the offensis redressit, as iustice craves. As to the deliuery for Will Hidley of the Sillis wyffis

bill, I haue already send sowth gray Will Ellot, the principall offendour contenit in the bill, to be enterit, quhilk I think alreddy be done ; and it wes rather accident nor want of guidwill in me that the same bill wes sa lang vndeliuierit, for, as I doubt nocht, ze hard I haif answerit Mr. Selbyes lettre, and hes now, as at sindry tymes of befor, planely declarlit vnto him that the default, alsweill of metingis as redresse, is in him self, seing neyther my oft writing nor ony curtessy offerit can procure redres to Johnne Davidsoun of Quhittoun of his guidis, a mater that, I think, ze haue oft anewch hard of. Further, I haif laitly ressanuit a lettre from the Lard of Edzarstoun, tueching Johnne Heronis hard dealing with a freind of his that, being enterit for a bill, culd not be gottin relevit for ony condicione, bot lettin dee in irnis, quhilk is sa hard a preparative, that I fer few sall enter heirefter gif this thing be not redressit, quhilk I thocht gude to lett zow vnderstand, that ze mycht sa order the mater as it suld not be a stay to iustice in other thingis, for gif ze do not, I haif the les hoip of ony gude frute to follow vpoun the nixt meting. And sa, resting to zour ansuer, committis zow in the protectioun of God. At Halyruidhous, the last of Februar 1576.

Zour loving and assured freind.

199. THE SAME to JOHN SELBY, English warden, relating to disorders on
the Borders. Holyroodhouse, [29th] February 1576. [Old copy.]

AFTER my verie hertlie commendacions. Be zour lettre of the xvijth of Februarie (quhilk come not to my handes quhill the xxv of the same moneth), I vnderstand of sindrie disorders, as ze wrift, committit of late within the boundis of zour charge, quhairof I am hertlie sorey, and it is verie weill kend that I haue bene als weill willing to restrene sic thingis as any culd be ; ffor the iust occasioun of the delay of metingis hes nocht bene on the part of Scotland, quhen it salbe considerit quhat the Regentis grace did and directed for the triall and ordering of John Davisonis complaint, at his being in Jedburgh. His grace hes considerit the copy of the order taken at Reddenburn sent with zour lettre, and affirmis that the order, neyther then nor sensyne, lykis him, being allwayes geven to vnderstand that Johnne Davisonis haill guidis suld haue bene deliuierit, a few nowmer excepted (allegit to be deade), and at the day na guidis wes brocht to the grund bot a few, and thay not worthie to be ressauit. Quhat contentatioun Johnne Davison hes ressauit of late I can not say, for that I haue ressauit na certantie

theirof sen zour lettore come to me. Bot suirlie it grevis me that want of reson and iustice in that particulaire suld stay and hinder metingis and redres in other materis sa lang; and thair apperis na ressoun quhy the haill guidis that wer taken away suld not be redressit, alsweill as thay now offerit quhilkis ar on lyve. I leif thairfore for the present, to mak langar lettore on this behalf, quhill I sall vnderstand of Johnne Davisonis contentatioun, and then I will further the redres of all other attemptatis the best I can, quhairvnto I haue the les couraige sa lang as this thing (that I haif sa oft travellit in without frute) takis na conclusioun. I pray zow send this vthir lettore to my lord warden of the middle marche, quhilk is ane ansuer to his that I ressauit with zour lettore. And sa I committ zow in the protectioun of God. At Halyruidhous, the _____ of Februar 1576.

Zour loving freind.

200. THE SAME to THE SAME, relating to trials for Border depredations.
Dalkeith, 3d March 1576. [Copy.]

AFTER my verie hertlie commendationes. I ressauit zour lettore of the xxvij of February, quhairin ze write that Johnne Davison of Quhittoun desiris that the deliuerie of his guidis alyve and the assise may be all on ane day, quhairwith, gif he rest satisfeit, it sall alsua content me; and the mair spedelie that it be done, I can like of it the bettir; to the quhilk purpos I traist ze sall not find the Lard of Cesfurd, warden, or his deputy, vnwilling, quhen ze require thame. The lak of metingis hes not bene in the default of Scotland, and gif ze will not certefie my Lordes of the Quenis maiestie, zour souerains counsell of it (as I can like weill ze do), I think I haue caus to do it, and had sa done langsyne, gif I had not hoipit, lang befoir now, to haue ressauit at zour handes equitable redres of Johnne Davisonis compleintis, ffor the delay quhairof thair is na reasoun; and na les strange think I the refusal of it then ze do, that vtheris suld stay on that respect. And quheneuir hir maiestie or the counsale vnderstandis the forme of dealing, I traist it sall not be allowit. I think ze be not able justlie to burdyn me, that the order aggreit on at Jedburgh restis vnperformit on my part. And for the pretens of delay ze mak of the non-redressing of Johnne Davisonis bill first, becaus it wes done a zeir befoir the Reid Swyre, alleging that sic attemptatis as wer committ sensyne suld be first redressit, ze will not find our indent to contene ony sic conditioun; and thairfore, as ze wald be ansuerit, lett me ressauit ressoun in that mater of Johne Davisonis, or vtherwyse think that ze can not eschape to be justlie

chargit with the inconvenientis that the delay of metingis hes or may breid. And sa I commit zow to God. At Dalkeith, the thrid of Marche 1576.

Zour loveing freind.

201. SIR JOHN FORSTER to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, relating to proceedings for Border depredations. Alnwick, 14th March 1576.

MAYE it pleis your Lordship to be advertysed that wheras I had intelligence that Hobe Gylcrist had made one spoyle of my Lord Regents men, and hathe taken frome them serthen horses, I thought, therfore, I cowlde no les do nor take hym for the aunswerenge of justice, bothe for that and vther maters. I sent my men to Allenton, where he was, for the apprehendinge of hym, where he disobedyentlye refused to cum to me, and in his taikenge he had almost slayne one of my men, where he had his hande almost striken frome hym, and at this present I haue hym at my howse, where I mene the lawes of the realme shall trye vpon hym, and there be hanged. I haue sent the horses agane by the warden sergeant, to be delyvered vnto the Lairde of Bone Jedworthe. And whereas your Lordship wrote vnto me to knowe the cawse of the deathe of Rotherforde, and vpon your Lordships letter I sent to John Heron, commandinge hym to serfeyfe me the trewe cawse of his deathe, and he wrote to me that there was no man offered to make delyverye for that bill for the lowsinge of hym, and the man beinge in age was vesyted by seiknes with the hande of God, where he dyed, and he was no waye imposened but lawfullye, as vther men was, havinge his meat and drynke sufficyentlye; and that, Johne Heron sayes, he will stande and prove where your Lordship shall appoynte, before the wardens of Englande and Scotlande. And as for that and all vther matters, they shall not be vnaunswered in my pairt, trustinge that your Lordship will do me the lyke, and to haue the poore boye in rememberance whiche loste his foote, beinge no offender nather to England nor Scotlande, and yf there be anye thinge wheren I maye pleasour your Lordship lawfullye, I will do it to my power. This, restinge to trouble your Lordship anye more, I commit youe to the Almyghtye God. At my howse nighe Alnewicke, this xiiiijth of Marche 1576.

Your Lordships assured leiffullye to commande,

JOHN FORSTER.

Postscriptum.—My Lorde, your Lordship promysed, at my last beinge with youe, that youe wold be my furtherance for the takenge of Dennynge and the rest

of his fellowes. I haue taken most pairet of them all, savinge hym. Therfore, yf it wolde pleis your Lordship to direct your letter to the Lairde of Cesforde, or to the Lairde of Bone Jedworthe, to apprehende hym, or ellis your warrant that I myght haue lycence my selfe, yf he be within Scots grounde, to take hym.

To the ryght honorable the Earle of Angus, Lorde Lieutennent of the sowthe partes of Scotlande, yeve theis.

202. THE SAME to THE SAME, praying for mercy to Dand Gilchrist.
Alnwick, 11th April 1577.

PLEASETH it your Honor to be advertised, that Hobb Gilchriste, for diuerse offences by hym committed ageinst our lawes, is, for the same, put to execucion. And nowe greate suite is made vnto me to be an ernest tutor vnto your Lordshippe in the favor of his sonne Daunde: his freindes offeris to laie in good sureties to your Lordshippe for his good behavior in tyme to come, and that also he shall redresse all complaints that are to be chardged ageinst hym. And ffor that the younge man, of hym selfe, seameth to me to be verie sorrowfull for his lieffe, and haeth promised amendment of the same, and that I truse his fatheris deathe wilbe a terror vnto hym, I am vmbelie to pracie your Lordshippe to extende your favorable mercie towardis hym, the rather at this my desire, and to accept theis his offers whiche his freindes are willenge to accomplishe. And if it shall staunde with your Lordshippes good pleasure this moche to graunte my request toward the same Daund, and that I maie receave your full resolute answere by this berer, I am to thincke my selffe verie moche beholdenge vnto yow, and shalbe readie to acquite your Lordshippes curtesie in any suche semblable request, as knoweth th' eternall God, to whose holie proteccion I committ your good Lordshippe. At my house nighe Alnewicke, this xith of April 1577.

Your honourable Lordshippes leifullie vmbelie to commaunde,

JOHN FORSTER.

To the ryghte honorable and my verie singuler good lorde, the Earle of Angus, Lord Livetennent-Generall of Scotlaund.

203. THE SAME to THE SAME, in reference to a charge against Gawan Elwood. Hexham, 14th April 1577.

AFTER my verie hartie commendacions in leifull maner to your good Lordshippe. Theis are to adverteice your Lordshippe that I receved your Lordshippes letter in the

favor of Gawen Elwoods bill. I have called my coussen Mr. Myddeltoun before me, whoe hath declared vnto me that the whole bill is not onelie in hym, but also in Dicke Fenwiche and others ; and therefore he nor the other will not, by no perswasion of myne, but have the principlall and doubles in there daunger, and the cawse whie is that my said coussen is so ernest is, that he is fullie perswaded that this spoile made vpon hym will faile owte rather to be by some Englishemen that are and have bene his auncient enimies. For, I assure your Lordshippe, if it had onely consisted in Gawen Elwood and the Scoteshemens, my coussen Mydelton woulde verie willengelie have satisfied your Lordshippes request herein. The premises considered, I vmbelie praei your Lordshipp to thincke nothenge in me or my coussen Mydelton, that your letter and requeste is no satisfied ; for if th' occasion were not as before is purported, your Lordshipp might commaunde my cousen Mydelton in any pleasure he lefullie mighthe. And this, for this present, I commit your Lordshipp to the mercifull defenc of th' Almighty. At Hexham, this xiiiith of April 1577.

Your honorable Lordshipp's lefullie to commaunde,

JOHN FORSTER.

To the right honorable and my verie singuler good lorde, the Earle of Angus,
Lord Livetennent-Generall of Scotlaund, to his good Lordshipp.

204. JOHN SELBY to ARCHIBALD, EARL OF ANGUS, interceding for Hobbie
Dagglese. Berwick, 20th April 1577.

PLEASETH your Honour, hear haith bene one Hobbie Dagglese with me, who saith that he ys towardsis your Honour as one dependeng of your Honour, who was ffield in a bill for a nagge at the last daye of trew for Tevedall, and haith requested me that I wold examen a ffellow of England, at this present lyeing in prison, one Arch Baird, who confesseth that he bought a nagge of one Jock Chamberis of Lynton, which nagge he past to Hobbie Dagglese of Lyntoun in exchange of an other. I haue thus ffar deilt in the causse at your servaunt Daggleseis request, ffor that he ys claymenge to your servaunt, and shalbee readye to do ffor anye that to your Honour apperteneth, disierenge your Honor to helpe this bearer to haue reformatieon at thandis of the fforesaid Chamberis, who, I thenke, vpon the heareng of this bearer, yow will fynd laufull matter. Thus

leaveng to troble your Honor at this present, ffrome Berwick, this xxth daye of Aprill, anno 1577.

Your Honors lefullie,

JHON SELBYE.

To the right honorable and my singuler good lorde in lefull manner, the Earll of Angus, Lord Levetennent of the south partis of Scotland, yeue thesse.

205. SIR CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD to ARCHIBALD, EARL OF ANGUS, with
the present of a falcon. Eslington, 10th June 1577.

RIGHT HONORABLE, my lawfull dewtye remembred. Pleasethe your Lordship to receyve from this beror a leueret, holl of fether and bone, and of as good ane arye and prooff as anye is in England. He is higher gated then the hauke. I send him to your Lordship for that he is first ready, and the lyke kynd is not in Scotland, trusting your Lordship will accept my good will, althothe he be not so woorthye as the worst of manye hawkes your Lordship haith bestowed of me. But yf I knewe what were in England that I might lawfullye pleasure, your Lordship should not lack it. I took the Lard of BunJedwoorthe band for the prencipall of my bylles of the Lard of Mowe, which is not yet discharged. The dubles I referred to your Lordships hand, which is two hundredrethe pound Scottis and more, hoopinge your Lordship will not clearlye quyt hyme of theme, consyderinge howe he and his daylye vsethe me and my serv[auntes]; for in the tyme of suraunce that the Lard of BunJedw[oorthe] took betwyxt vs, his brother resett a shepherd of my seruauntes that ran awaye with two hundredrethe of his sheepp, and yet keapethe them; all which matteris I referr my self to your Lordships judgment and order. Yf your Lordship be not provyded of good trying hundis, I have speciali choyse for your Lordship, as this beror cann declayre, vnto whom I referr credit. Thus committinge your Lordship to the tuition of God, who preserv your Lordship in honor and healthe long to his pleasure. At Eslington, the xth daye of June 1577.

Your Lordships to command with lawfull servise,

CUTB^T. COLLINGWOODD.

To the right honorable the Earle of Angus, Lord Leavennent of Scotland.

206. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD,
in answer. Dalkeith, 13th June 1577. [Contemporary copy.]

AFTER my verie hartlie commendacions. Amangis mony vther gret plesouris, last I haue resauit fra the berer heirof ane leuerot, hauill of feder and bain, ane kynd of hauk, as ye wret in your letter, not [to] be had in Scotland, and for that thinkis the gift mair worthy of thankis, quharof, amangis the rest, I gif yow maist hartlie thankis. Quharas ye wret him to be first readie, of truth he is the first reid hauk I saw this yeir, and for that am sorie that I may nocht acquyt your gift presentlie, in sending of your seruand full handit as he cam fra hame. As for the vther part of your letter, quhar ye wret the Lard of Bonjedwart is cum band for the principalis of your bill of the Lard of Mowe, and the same as yeit nocht to be discharget. His sone George being present heir at the resait of your letter, I schew him of it, quha sayis to me the same is outred or now as he wnderstuid, and gif it war nocht, vpon his returning hanwart he suld se yow satysfeit according to justice. The doublis, as I percew be your letter, ar referrit to me, houping that for the Lard of Mowis daylie hard vsing of yow and your seruandis, I will nocht clerlie quyt him of tham. I think that matter may yeit rest oure quhill my awin cummyng to the country, quhan I trust he sall nocht refusis to do yow or youris any lefull plesour in him lying, fyndyng the lyik at your handis. I am sorie, as I wret befoir, that presentlie I am nocht sa abill to acquit your guidwill with sil haukis as ar in Scotland as I wald, bot sa soun as ony salbe, I will nocht be wnyndfull of your mony plesouris schawin to me, nocht onlie in this, bot in houndis that I haw sindrie tymis resauit of yow, quhilk I esteime mair nor ony haukis. Your seruand knawis wery weill the tym of our reid haukis, and thairfoir gud it is he cum again at that tym, as I haue lykwise spokin him my self to that effeck. Sua for the present, knawing na farder occasion, I commit yow to God. At Dalkeithe, the xiiij of Junii 1577.

207. The LORD SCROPE, English Warden, to ARCHIBALD, EARL OF ANGUS,
expressing full readiness to assist the Earl on the Borders. Carlisle,
4th July 1577.

AFTER my verie hartlie commendacions to your good Lordshippe, in lefull maner. I haue by this bearer, the Larde of Newbye, receyved your Lordships lettir of yesterdaye, and perceyving thereby that synce your Lordships repayre to

Drumfreese, yt is reported that some of that realme make shewe of disobedience, in hope of resset or favour to be had of some Englishmen vnder my chardge. My Lorde, these are to assure your Lordship that, for myne owne parte, you shall fynde me, to th' uttermoste of my power (altho I be a stranger to your Lordship), redye in all respectes to doe what may lye in me to the furtherance of justice and contynuance of the good amytie ; and for such as shall become disobedient to your Lordship, vpon knowledge had from your Lordship of the persons and their names, shall gyve streict ordre for the avoyding of their relief or reset within myne office ; and, for their punishment, shall be redie to concurre with your Lordship as occasion shall serve ; wherein more at lardge I haue shewed myne opinyon to this bearer, according to your Lordships request. Other matters I refiere till our meting, wherein I trust your Lordship shall fynde me no lesse towarde than I haue good hope of your Lordships honourable meaning to th' advancement of justice and repressing of wicked doers. And herein I will willinglie concurre with your Lordship, as well for the dischardge of my dewtye to my souereigne, as also in respect of the great good will and honourable intencion I haue alwayes founde in the Lord Regentes Grace of that realme towardsis the conseruacion of the good peace and amytie. And so, for the presente, I commyt your good Lordship to th' Almighty. Carlisle, the fourth of Julye 1577.

Your good Lordships assured freind lefullie to commaund,

H. SCROPE.

To the right honorable my verie good lord, the Erle of Anguss, lord warden of the west marches of Scotland.

208. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to the LORD SCROPE, English Warden, praying him to cause certain fugitives to be publicly denounced, etc. Dumfries, 14th July 1577. [Copy.]

MY verie gude lord, efter my maist hertlie commendaciones. I haue send vnto zour Lordship heirwith the [names] of the principall fugitives quhom I find disobedient within this west wardanrie, quhilkis I pray zow hertlie to caus be publiclie denunceit and proclamit within zour office, according to the commissioners order, and that I may haue zour Lordships testimony of the receipt of thir names, quhairthrow I may the better crave justice of their receptoris in England within your Lordships charge. For gif the same wer avoided, and dew punishe-

ment vsed for that contempt, neyther suld samony attemptatis be committit on pretens of outlawes, nor zit suld we haue samekle ado as thir wicked people ministratis occasioune. Further, as tueching the vnlawfull pasturing of Englishe guidis in Scottis grund, vnder quhilke pretext sindrie stowthis ar committed, seing the tyme appointed be the proclamation is now almaist past, and that I wald be layth that ony Englishmen suld be harmed for lak of dew warning, I pray your Lordship caus the like proclamation be renewed at Carlile, certefeing all men quhorne this mater may twiche, that quhair the guidis ar stafherded be Englishmen, or schelis biggit be thame within Scotland, I will gif order to caus the personis sa apprehendit to be maid prisoneris, and the guidis to be confiscat. And for the vtheris guidis taken be Scottismen in keping and gerssing, I will cause thame be callit thairfore, and pvnished with sic severitie as the law prouidis. The tyme her bene sa schort that I cold noct satyfie your Lordship amentis the fyllyng of your billis as I wald; nather can I fynd sic gud will at thair handis quha knawis best the treuthe of thame as I wald vische. Zeitt, with tyme I dout noct to satyfie your Lordship with conuenient answer, and, as I may, salbe trying out the certantie of matteris, als weill in my absence as now at my being in this cuntre it sal, be gud dew aduertysment, be maid to my deputis, that thaireftyr they may repair to Carleill to receif answer for the ewis off Scotland.

I am informit lykewys that he quhom I sould hef delyuerit for Mylburnis bill myndis to remane fwgityne. Thairfor, gif he can noct be gottin, or ane wther contenit in the bill, befoin the day appoyntit, I pray your Lordship that the matter be noct hardlie followit for ane certane space, quhill I se quhat may fall out.

I will zeitt, as befor in my former letter, desyr your Lordship that Sterthill and his fellow may be delyuerit to sic as salbe appoyntit be me for the receipt of thame, sa some as satyfactioun is maid for thair billis, and that my deputis may hef lauchfull aduertysment befoir.

And sa resting all other thingis to your Lordships answer or new occasioune, committis zow in the protectioun of the Almichtie. At Drumfreis, the xiiiij of July 1577.

Your Lordships very assured and loving freind.

To the right honorable my verie gude lord, the Lord Scrope, lord wardane of the west marche of England foranent Scotland.

209. SIR CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS,
in reference to the Laird of Mow. Eslington, 17th July 1577.

RIGHT HONORABLE, pleaseth your Lordship to be advertyssed that I receyved your Lordships letter bye this beror, wherin your Lordship wrytes that the Lard of Mowe shall do me pleasure if he maye have the lyk of me. Yf your Lordship wold do so muche for me as to cawse hym and his men forbeare tayken my goodes, I wold think that were the greatest pleasure he cowld do me, and he should be sure to have the lyke freindship at my handis. The Lard of Bun Jedwoorthe said to me that, yf I took the prencipall of my bilis, the Lard of Mowe wold nether tryst nor keape surance with me. So it seameth to me that I have as great displeasure for tayken my prencypall goodes as yf I had tayken the dowbles; and as yet the prencypall is not paid. As I am vsed, and lyk to be, in this matter, I refer me holly to your Lordships order and direction, prayinge your Lordship to hold me excused for trubling yowe so oft in this tryfling matter. I am to seek justice of him for perjurye, which I will not do without mayking your Lordship prevye, hoping that your Lordship will allowe of the same. I have willed this beror to provyde hawkis for me at Leathe, to se if bowght hawkis proves anye better then geven. Howbeit, I ame not to refuse your Lordship's accustomed curtesye, as knowethe God, who preserve your Lordship in honour and healthe longe to his pleasure. At Eslington, the xviith of Julye 1577.

Your Lordships to command with leafull service,

CUTB^T. COLLINGWOODD.

To the right honorable the Earle of Angus, Lord Leavtennent of Scotland.

210. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to the LORD SCROPE, with the present of a cast of tercells of falcons. Dalkeith, 25th July 1577. [Copy.]

MY verie gude Lord, efter my maist hertlie commendationes. Off sic halkis as this zeir ar cum to my handes, it will pleas zour Lordship to ressaue a cast of tarsellis of falconis, haill of fether and bane, quhilkis I hertlie wishe suld pruif weill. Gif thair be any other halkis or any vther thing heir that may be pleasing and acceptable to zour Lordship, the same salbe alwayes readie, quhen ze will put me to charge, for trewlie I think me not a litle bound vnto zowr Lordship for

zowr fauorable guidwill alreddy experimented ; and the like dispositiou shall still remane in me toward your Lordship, as knawis the Almichtie, quha preserue your Lordship perpetually. At Dalkeytht, the xxv day of July 1577.

Zour gude Lordships very assured to my pouir.

211. LORD SCROPE, Lord Warden of the West Marches of England, to ARCHIBALD, EARL OF ANGUS, partly as to a theft on the Borders. Carlisle, 27th July 1577.

AFTER my right hartie commendacions to your good Lordshippe in lefull maner. I haue presentlie sent two of my seruautes, these bearers, to Saynt Androwes to buye some hawkes for me, to whom I hartelie praye your Lordship to graunt your lycence and pasporte, that they maye safelye passe and traveyle, as well thither as in their retourne, as I shall be likewise redye, in the semblable, to pleasure your Lordship vpon your lettres.

My Lorde, whereas, at my brother Edwardes being with your Lordship at Drumfreise, I dyd will him by my lettres to informe your Lordship of one Hitchill, vnder the Larde Johnston, that in the verie tyme of your Lordship and me being togetheris at Gretnoe Kirke (notwithstanding the proclamations on both sydes for speciali assurance), dyd steall two meares from Cargoie, of whome I looked to haue had delyverie before this tyme, to haue ben punished for his contempt, but hitherto I heare not of him. And therefore I hartelie praye your Lordship to gyve ordre to the Larde Johnston, that he maye be delyverd accordingle. And so, for the presente, I commyt your good Lordshippe to the Almichtie. Carlisle, the xxvijth of Julye 1577.

Your good Lordships lefullie assured to commaund,

H. SCROPE.

To the right honorable my verie good lorde, th' Erle of Anguss, Lorde Lieutennente-Generall of all the marches of Scotland towardis England.

212. THE SAME to THE SAME, recommending JOHN CRACKENTHORPE, gentleman. Carlisle, 27th July 1577.

AFTER my right hartie commendacions vnto your good Lordeshippe in lefull maner. Forasmuche as this bearer, John Crakenthrope, gentleman, is verie desirous for to travell into that realme for to buye hawkes, and hathe requested my lettres of

commendation vnto your Lordeshipe in his behalfe, I am therfore to desyer your Lordeshipe that he maye quietlie passe and travell his said journaye, even as I wilbe redye to shewe the like vnto any gentleman at your Lordeshipes commendation. And so I comytt your good Lordeshipe to th' Almightye. Carilli, the xxviith of Julie 1577.

Your good Lordshipes assured frende lefullie to commande,

H. SCROP.

To the right honorable and my verie good lorde, the Erle of Anguss, Lorde Lieutenant-General of all the thre marches of Scotland.

213. THE SAME to THE SAME, as to repression of disorders on the Borders.

Carlise, 7th August 1577.

AFTER my right hartie commendacions to your Lordshippe in lefull maner. I haue receyved your Lordshippes letter of the first of this instant, whereby I vnderstand that the Lord Regentis grace, vpon your Lordshippes mocion, hath written to hir maiestie and my verie good Lordes of the Counsell, for some ayde of soldiouris to be bestowed on this marche at my direction, for the which I hartelie thanck your Lordship, praying the same, in my behalfe, to rendre also the like thanckis to his grace. And where I perceyve, by the same lettre, that his grace intendis, in proper person, in the beginning of Octobre, to come to the Borders, in myne opinyon the tracte of tyme will be a meane of greater disobedience, and the cause of more resorte of evill men to the wooddes, to the disturbance of the good subiectis of both realmes; so as the sooner they might be dealt withall, yt were more easye either to reduce them to obedience, or prosecute them with extremitie, the harvest season, abwot the xxth of Septembre, seruing for that purpose. But herein alwayes I am contented to concurre with his grace or your Lordship, according to my dewtye to hir maestie, at what tyme his grace shall thinck moste convenient.

For the daye of marche, according to your Lordshippes request, yt shall be contynued till further agreement betwene your Lordshippe and me, by our lettres or otherwise. I am contented also to beare with your Lordshippe till some further tyme for Kaysbanckes bill, according as your Lordshippe requyreh.

My Lorde, I sent for the Larde of Newbye to haue had awnswere concerning our English bills, which by my brother Edward were delyvered to your Lordshippe at Drumfreise, but I can not presentlie receyve such awnswere to them as I looked

for; the cause whye I knowe not, onlesse on some parte there be to muche bearing with the principall sorte of offendouris, who so long as they may be suffred to passe with their othes, there will be small hope of justice ; ffor, even against some of Gretnohill, who haue sworne them selves cleane before your Lordshippe, I doubt not but to make your Lordshippe assured to vnderstand the contrarie, and namelye, Will of Gretnohill for two seuerall billes, that is to saye, the bill of wydowe Jackson for foure oxen, and the bill of Robert Wayte and his neigbouris of Wolstye in the Holme, for six or seven horses, mares and phillies ; whereof I trust your Lordshippe will haue good consideracion, and not suffre such evill men to be borne withall in so manifest periurys and offences, but rather with seueritie to punishe the same for a speciall example. I am the bolder herein to wryte my mynde to your Lordshippe, for that I am well assured of your Lordshippes honorable meaning and intencion to reformacion of such disordres ; and also the rather for that your Lordshippe willed me to signifie vnto you if I sholde fynde any indirect dealing or bearing contrarie to justice ; and the redyest waye to avoyde these periurys and releveye true men, in myne opinyon, is that your Lordshippe and I, perving throughlie the rolles on both sydes, without respect, according to the treatyes, fyle and cleane the same upon our honouris, as we shall fynde cause worthie. I haue ymparted to the Larde of Newbye how your Lordshippe may understand Will of Gretnohill to be fowle of these billes, as I am informed. And so, expecting your Lordshippees answere, I commyt the same to th' Almighty. Carlisle, the viijth of August 1577.

Your good Lordshippes lefullie assured to commaund,

H. SCROPP.

To the right honorable my verie good lorde, th' Erle of Anguss, Lorde Lieutennente-Generall of all the marches of Scotland towrdes England.

214. ARCHIBALD, EARL OF ANGUS, to the LORD SCROPE, as to measures adopted by the Regent against the Borderers. Dalkeith, 11th August 1577. [Copy.]

AFTER my maist hertly commendationes to zour gude Lordship, quhair, be zour lait lettre of the sevint of August, ze think the tract of tyme ower lang of the reparing of the Regentis grace to the Bordouris, I haue conferrd with his grace thairanent, quha having alreddy maid proclamationis for the convening of forces aganis a prefixt tyme, can not now weill alter the same, and further thinkis the

begynning of October sone enewch, in consideratioun of the lait harvest. Bot to avoid the inconvenient feared be zour Lordship, he intendis, even sa sone as may be, to direct sum nowmer of horsmen and futemen to the boundes ewest the woddes, quhairby thair insolence may be sumquhat restrenit, and the incres of thair nowmer, safar as may be, stayed. His grace hes also ressauit sum aduertisment from Court, that the ayd of sum soldiouris to be bestowed on that west marche is granted, and shortly to be directed.

I thank zour Lordship hertly of zour gude agreement to the continewance of the day of marche, and in forbearing to put at me for Kaysbankis bill for sum further tyme. I sall nocht only be myndfull to discharge my promis in that behalf, bot rest oblist to acquite zour Lordshipis freindly dealing in any cais quhair I am able.

I am sorey that zour Lordship ressaus nocht sic answer to the Englishe billis as ze louked for, a part of the default quhairof is throw my awin absence, quhilk sall nocht be langar then I may addres me thither agane. Bot zour Lordship may be assurd that gif I may vnderstand thame of Graitnayhill, quha hes sworn thame selffis cleane, to be fowle indeid, thay salbe deliuering to be punist as periurd personis, and sall neuir be borne with be my self, nor na others of my knawlege or allowance. For the fylng vpoun our honouris, I wald be richt glaid to indent with your Lordship vpom ony condicoun that mycht avoid the periurys and relef trew men, gif I wer anys throwly acquainted with the contrie affares, and present in the cuntrie to haue the better informatioun, and the oftar conference with zour Lordship. Bot seing my absence at this tyme hynders me to be sa weill informed as I can promis to fyle on honour, I mon pray zour Lordship to bear with me sum tyme, that agane our meting I may advise how far I may promis, sen I had rather be difficill in promissing then slaw or doubtful in performyng, as knawis the Almychtie, quha preserue your Lordship. At Dalkeyth, the xj of August 1577.

Zouris gude Lordshipis very assured to my pouer.

215. LORD SCROPE to ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, thanking the Regent for his active support against the Borderers. Carlisle, 18th August 1577.

AFTER my verie hartie commendacions to your good Lordshippe in lefull maner. Whereas this bearer, my verie freind, Mathewe Moonke, burgesse of Carlisle, is

presentlie desyrous to repayre to Edenbrughe to bye some wynes, for his better conduccion I haue thought good to commend him to your Lordshippe with these my lettres, hartelie praying your Lordshippes favorable goodnesse and freindshippe towrdes him, and that in this behalfe yt maye please your Lordshippe to graunt him your lycence, the rather at this my desier, as I shall be redye to doe the lyke to any your Lordshippes freindes vpon request of your Lordshippes lettres.

My Lorde, I vnderstand by your Lordshippes lettres that my Lord Regentis grace hath, vpon his lettres, obteyned the graunt of certein ayde of soldioures to be emploied here for the suppressing of the disobedient, for the which, his graces good and honorable intencion, I hartelie praye your Lordshippe to rendre vnto him most hartie thanckes in my behalfe, assuring the same that, after they be once placed here, they shall be kept exercised, I trust, to the benifite and quyet of the countrye. And so, for the presente, I commyt your Lordshippe to th' Almightye. Carlisle, the xvijth of August 1577.

Your Lordshippes assured lefullie to command,

H. SCROPE.

To the right honorable my verie good lorde, th'Erlie of Anguss, Lorde Lieutennaunte-Generall of all the marches of Scotland towardis England.

216. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR CUTHBERT COLLINGWOOD.

A friendly letter as to a horse. Branxholm, 14th September 1577.
[Copy.]

RYCHT trest frend, eftir my werry hairtlie commendationis. Being presentlie destitute of hors, I haif thocht gud to derect this barare towartis zow, desyring zow to send zour zounghors with hym, that I may se gif I lyk hym or nocht. Gif I pleis hym, thair salbe na danger to zow, seing I haif ane plakkat for zour warrand. Lat me ondirstand be the barare, or ane seruand of zouriis with hym, quhat salbe hyis pryce. The greit curtesie that I haiff ressauit afor at zouri handis makis me at this tymе mair hamelie to charge zow, as ze sall fynd me willing to do zow the lyk plesour, quhan occasione sall sairve zow to craif the samyn at my handis. And sua, for the present, haiffing na forder occasione, commitis zow in Goddis kepping. At Branxhelme, the xiiiij of September 1577.

Your ryght assured lovyng freind leifullie,

ANGUSS.

IV.—FAMILY AND DOMESTIC LETTERS.

217. KING JAMES THE FIRST to his Brother-in-Law, ARCHIBALD, FOURTH EARL OF DOUGLAS, urging him to forward the King's liberation. [Stratford Awe, 30th January (1416)]. Original draft.¹

GRETYNGE as to our selfe. Der and wel belufit brother, we haue syndry tymys writtyne to yhow til stere our most lufit eme of Albany douly to trauel for vs and our deliuernans, after the ordinans of our generale consale; and now o late we wrot to zhow witht our trast and wel belufit chapellayn, Jone Lyone, the qwilke zhe resayfit thankfully, as he has lattyn vs wit, and tharof we thank zhow, and prayis zhow witht al our hart to labore for vs and our deliuernans, eftter the tenor of tha letteris, sene zhe boith wele cane and may; and our speciale trast is in zhow, and the delay of our hamecome standis al anely in thaim that sowld persue for vs, for we haue commandit with our most gracious cosyngne, the excellent Kyng of Ingilland, for our deliuernans, and we haue foundyn hym so gracious that in hym is no thyng to amende, as the berare can lat yhow wit, witht qwilke zhe send answer qwat zhe haue done and may do in this mater, and qwat [zhe] think war vs to do gife delay war made, as it has bene in tymis [gane. Writtyn] ut prius, [*i.e.* at Stratforde Awe, the penultyma day of Janueir, vndyr our propir signe manuele and signet, witht the signet of our welbelufit cosyngne of Fyffe.]

218. ARCHIBALD, FIFTH EARL OF ANGUS, "Bell the Cat," to JOHN OGILVY of Inverquharity, acknowledging receipt of relief duty of his lands. Douglas, 15th March [14]90.²

BE IT kend till all men be thir present letteris, ws, Archbalde, Erll of Angus, Lord Douglas, and of the regalite of Kyrimur, to haff tane and rasawynt be the handis of Jhone of Ogilby of Eunnerquarite the syme of thuenta merkis wsuall mone of Scotland. Ande gif sa be that the said Jhone be ordorly serwytt be his breff and retowryt, we dischargis hym of the said thuenta merkis, and grantis ws to haff

¹ Original in General Register House, Edinburgh. This and the drafts of four other letters are written on the same sheet of paper, which explains the reference, *ut prius*, etc.

² Original at Inverquharity.

rasawyt thai thuenty merkis for the relef of the said landis ; and gif he be noct, or that we may recouer mar svme apone hym for the said landis, than we grant ws till alow thai thuenty merkis in his compositione gif he componis with ws for the saidis landis. In witnes of the quhilke thing we haf subscriwyt thir present writ with our hand, at Douglas, the fyften day of March, the zer of God, etc., lxxxx.

26th of Augus

219. GEORGE, MASTER OF ANGUS, grandson of Archibald, fifth Earl of Angus, to JOHN, FOURTH LORD HAY OF YESTER. Edinburgh, 18th August [circa 1547].¹

DERREST NEPHO, after hertlie recommendacioun, I ressauit zour writing this day, datit at Neidpath the said day, and vnderstand the samyn, and sall speik with my Lord of Mortoun of that effect, concernyng the Lard of Drummelzar, and quhatauer he be that is baillie thar, or ony seruand to me or myn, he salbe at zour command. And anentis zour cuming to Edinbrugh the xx day of this moneth, ze sall haue zour folkis ay in a reddynes vpone xxxiiii houris warnyng, bot bryng thame noct forwart quhill ze haue new warnyng. And God haf you in his kepeng. At Edenbrugh, the xviii day off Awgowst.



*be p[re]s in awgus
george master of angus*

To my Lord Hay of Yester, etc.

¹ Original at Yester.

220. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR JOHN OGILVY of Inverquaharity, bailie of the regality of Kirriemuir, to delay an action of removal depending before him until further instructions. Edinburgh, 19th August [circa 1576].¹

TREST freind, I commend me to zow. Ze sall vnderstand that I am informit that Maistres Margaret Lyoun hes callit and perseuit ane freind of myne, callit Katherine Strathauchin, and hir husband, befoir zow, to remoue fra thair auld kynd and natvie rowme and possessiou; intendis to put thame thairfra, at the requeist and desyre of utheris unfreindis, quhilk I think nocht godlie, thai being willing to pay thare males and dewiteis thankfullie thairfair. It is my will heirfair, and I pray zow that ze continew that mater quhill ze gait farder aduertisement of me; and gif thai be perseuit befoir ony vther juge, that ze replege thame hame to my courte of regalitie, as ze haif done of befoir; and sa fair ze weill. At Edinburcht, the nyenetene day of August.

Be zouris at pouer,

To our traist freind, the Lard of Innerquaharrat�ie.

221. THE SAME to THE SAME, charging him to poind the goods of the Laird of Unuchie for a debt due to the Laird of Haltoun. 28th October 1580.²

TRAIST FREIND,—Efter our hartlie commendatioun. Forsamekill as we haif direct our precept to zow to tak ordour with the Laird of Vnuchie, and to poind and appryse his guidis, and to mak his cousing, the Laird of Haltoun, be payit of the sowmis contenit thairin, quhilkis ar, alsweill of the sowme quhairfair he is oblist to pay to Mr. Johnne Moserwp as cautionar for him, as for the sowme contenit in the precept fer expensis sustenit be the said Laird of Haltoun thairthrow in his defalt: we wald wis the zoung gentilman to keip his creditie, and specialie to his freindis, vtherwais we can not be content to sie them trublit for his caus. Thairfair ze sall, with all guidlie diligence, put this our said precept to dew executioun, swa that we heir na forder complent heiranent. And thus, having na forder

¹ Original in the Charter-Chest of Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquaharity.

² *Ibid.*

occasioun presentlie, we commit zow to God. From Edinburgh, the xxvij day off October 1580.

Zour guid freind,

ANGUSS.

To oure trest freind, the Laird off Inuerquaharetie.

222. LETTER from DAME JEAN LYON, sometime Countess of Angus, to her Father-in-law, the LAIRD OF LOCHLEVEN.¹

RIGHT honorabil Sire,—It will pleis you I haif resaueit your letter, quhairby I understand of your weiffair, quhilk, as God knaus, I am maist glaid to heir of. It is treu that I am warnit be my uncle to resaue my siluer at Mertismes nixtocom, bot gif he wil keip that appointit day, I can not be certain to assur you, Sir, that ye may lipin for the same, for I haif, euer sen my father deceisit, bein onder warning, and seing I knew your ado presently, I vald wish I micht forder the sam. In lyk maner, sir, it sal pleis you to knaw that it is latin me to onderstand that ye ar myndful to taik the mainis of Auchterhous in your awin hand. Gif sua be, I wil lipin, sir, that ye wil mak me aduertisment, and, as it sal pleis you, sir, I am content, for I knau your mynd is not to hender me of that quhilk is my auin, quhilk I am contentit to haif rather nor Auchterhous, quhilk is not security to me. Alwayis I wil luik for your auin anser. Sua for the present, haifing na forder bot to lat you knaw your bairn my son is in gud helth, praysit be God, my humbil commendations being presentit, I taik my leif, committing you in the blissit keiping of Almighty God, quha mot grant you lang lyf and gud helth.

Be your maist humill and loving dochter to be commandit,

JENE LYON.

To the right honorabil my loving father, the Lard of Lochlewin.

223. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to [WILLIAM] DOUGLAS,
Laird of Lochleven. Edinburgh, 6th June 1583.²

COUSING, eftir my verie hertyl commendationunes. Eftir langsum travell in this mater betuix the Laird of Coventoun and Mr. Johnne Scharp, it is agreit upon that the Laird of Coventoun soll subscryve ane obligatioun for Mr. Johns suretie, and becaus it will nocht serve with his subscriptioun only except I and certane uther freyndis, as cautioneres for him, subscryve it also, it is thocht gud that amang uthers ye suld be ane. And thairfore I hawe send yow the obligatioun to be advisit with, praying yow to subscryve the sam, and send it bak agane with

¹ Original in the Charter-chest of the Earl of Morton.

² *Ibid.*

diligence, for it will furder the gentlemannis tryell wery mekle; and his abyding in the castell hes bene bayth trublesum and coistly to him this tyme bygane. I hoip ye sal be mekle trublit heirefter with this mater, for the gentleman is willing to tak up all materis with Mr. Johnne be the aduyse of freyndis. Sua for the present I commit you to God. At Edinburgh, the sext of Junij 1583.

Your assurit guid freind,
ANGUS.

Ye may the better subscrive the band, for I and the Laird of Covington
salbe your releife.

To our traist freynd and cousing, the Laird of Lochlewin.

224. MARGARET [LESLIE], COUNTESS OF ANGUS, to SIR DAVID WEMYSS of
Wemyss, requesting him to attend her to Edinburgh. 23d December 1586.¹

RYCHT honorabil sir, after my weray hartlye commendatyon. Ples zour (m.),
I am sowmond afor the Commyseris, the xxviii of this instant, quhilk, wil God,
I mynd to obserw. Heirfor has tain the ocaisyon to reqwest zowr (m.), amongis
my specyall freyndis, to accompanye ws thair, with swa mony of zowr (m.) honorabil
freyndis as the schort warning will permit; and that zour (m.) and zour (m.) son
be in Edinbrought on Twysday nyxt, in the defens of my honor, lyf, land, and
geir, and that I may haw zour (m.) gud cownsall in all thingis. In swa doing,
zour (m.) vill haw na dishonor in respect of my inocensye. Swa nocth dowingt
bot zour (m.) will obey my ernest disyr, lyk as zour (m.) sall find me and myn
redye to implesur zour (m.) to owr power. Swa lewing to importunat zour (m.)
with mair prolyxetie, to meiting, I comit zow to God. At Dysert, the xxiii of
Desember 1586.

Zour m. veray lufing freind at full power,

To the rycht honorabil Lard of Wester Wems, my maist specyall gud freind,
gew this.

¹ Original at Wemyss Castle.

225. SIR WILLIAM DOUGLAS of Glenbervie, afterwards ninth Earl of Angus,
to SIR JOHN OGILVY of Inverquharity, inviting his presence at the
service of Sir William as heir to the Earldom of Angus. 7th
January 1588.¹

RYCHT honorabill and traist freend, efter my hartle commendatioun. Acknawleging zow to be ane speciall freind of the hous of Angus, thocht it meit and convenient to lat zow be informit that my breewis of the erledome of Angus ar proclamit to be seruit heir in Edinbrucht befoir the ordinar maseris, be commisioun, the saxt of Februar nixt. Quhairfair I will requeist zow maist effecteusle, as ze tender the weill of that hous and name, to repair heir the thrid or feird of the said monethe at the farrest, that I ma haif zour guid consall and advyse the better to proceid in the said bussines afoir hand. Lyk as I putt zow to painis heirin, sua sall ze be assurit to haiff me reddye to do zow plesour in the lyk or grytar. Nocht douting of zour presence at the daye forsaid in respect of the weychtines of the caus and of this my first requeist, remittis the rest to zour cuminge, committis zow to God. At Edinbrucht, the sevint daye of Januar 1588.

I mon forther requeist zow, sir, to caus Johne Stewen in Killemour extract my Lord of Angois sesing that last decessit, of his landis within the shirefdom of Forfar, becaus necessarlie it mon be at my seruice to instruct my breiff, quhilk is the day foirsaid. And gif the said sesing be in ane of the said Johne Stewenis buikis presentlie in zour handis, ze wilbe sa guid to latt him hauie acces vnto them to extract the samyn out of tham, for lyik as my predecessoris hes beine hamlie with zour predecessoris, sua meyn I for my pairt to continew in freindschip towardis zow, not dowting to fynd semblabill guidwill on zour part, and zour answer agane in write

Zour ryght assured guid freind,

To the ryght honerable and his especiali guid frind the Laird off Ennarquarrate.

¹ Original in the Charter-chest of Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquharity.

226. GEORGE, SIXTH EARL OF HUNTRY, to SIR DAVID WEMYSS of Wemyss,
desiring his presence at the service of Sir William Douglas in the
estates of Angus. Holyroodhouse, 31st January 1588.¹

RICHT trest freind, eftir hartle commendatioun. Ze sall wit that thair is a day of law, the v and vi day of Februar nixt, for serving of the Douglas of the landis of Angous and Mortoun; and seing the nobill men heir ar to be accumpaneit the said tym with thair freindis, we haif thocht goud to wret for zow, maist effecteously desyring zow that ze will addres zow to be heir vpon Tuisday the fourt day of Februar, to accumpane ws the said tym of thair brewis, and that we mai haif zour awys and counsall in sic affaires as sall occur. This not douting ze will do, as we salbe radye to zow as zour occasion sall present. So to meting remitting, committis zow in the protectioun of God. At Haleruidhous, the last daye of Januer 1588.

Yours guid freind assurit to pouar,

HUNTRYE.

To our richt trest freind, the Lard of Weyms of that Ilk.

227. RECEIPT by DAME JEAN LYON, COUNTESS OF ANGUS, for certain
writs in her possession. Edinburgh, 20th March 1588.²

WE, Dame Jeanne Lyoun, Countesse of Angus, grantis ws to haue deteynit in our handes the lettres underwrittin, viz., ane nyntein yeir tak of the teinds of Elistoun, of the dait the 19 of October a thousand fyve hundrethe threescoir seventeen yeiris; ane nyntein yeir tak of the teinds of Aberdour, of the dait a thousand fyve hundrethe threscoir and fifttein yeirs, the penult of Marche; the reversioun givin be Sir Robert Melvill of the lands of Graingemuir and Woodfeild; the reversioun of Langtoun givin be James and Mungo Mure in Langtoun. And be thir presents testifies the said lettres not [to] be comprehended in the dischairge of the evidents and lettres of the erledome of Morton and Dalkeith, guin to ws be the Erle of Mortoun. For the quhilke lettres only above specifit, we salbe answerable as law will to ony pretending title to the same. In witnes quherof we have subscryvit this present with our hand, at Edinbrughe, the tuentie day of Merche a thousand fyve hundrethe fourscoir and aucht yeirs, befor

¹ Original at Wemyss Castle.

² Original in the Charter-chest of the Earl of Morton.

thir witnes, George Douglas of Parkheid, Mr. Nicol Dagleische, minister, Mr. Dauid Houme our servitour, with uther dyvers.

JENE, COUNTES OF ANGUS.

Geo. Duglas, witnes. Mr. Dauid Houme, witnes.

228. WILLIAM, NINTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR JOHN OGILVY of Inverquaharity, announcing his intention of holding a Regality Court at Kirriemuir. 14th June 1589.¹

RYCHT trast frend, efter our hartlie commendatioun. For sick adois as ze knawee we hau bene occupied in at this conuentioune, I culd nocht haue the leissour to prefixe ane certane day to hold our court at Kerrymure quhill now; therfor I mynd, God willinge, to cum my selff and hold the said court at the place quhar it wsis to be haldeine in Keirrymure, the aucht day of Julie nixt, be nyne or ten houris befor none, and intendis to be in the said toun the sewent day at nycht abefoir the court with sowme frendis. Quhairfoir, ze sall aduerteis the inhabitants of Keirrymure towne to mak prowysioune, boyth in wyne and aill and vther pertinences, for twa or thre dayis at leist, and sicklyk ze mane cause our officiar [pas] throwwt the hale boundis of our regalltie of Angus, and charge and warne the hale tennendre, nene beinge omittit, to meit ws thair at the said court at Keirrymure, the said aucht day and our foirsaid, bringand with thame thair last infestmentis haldin of ws and our predecessouris quhatsumeuir, to be seene and considered be ws, that ordour may be taiken thairin for ouris and tharis weill, conforme to ressonce and conscience. And that euery ane of thame may wnderstand thair dewtie thay awe wnto ws, and we lykwayis to obserwe the same wnto thame, I thocht it nocht nedfull to wreit particularlie to euery ane, bot remittis that to zour wysdom and derection, and the officiaris decretioun; alway that nae pretend ignorance, bot [be] warned as said is, gif their neiddis ane precept to warne thame to the said court, caus our clerk maik ane precept, and derect [it] out in our name and our bailzeis, conforme to the ordour vsit a befoir, quhilk we sall admitt. I am nocht certane zeit quhat way I com to Keirrymure, bot sall aduerteis zow ane day a befoir or tua, quhair we sall meit, quharof ze will mak Glasowall and wther barouns tharabout acquentit thairwith, as I sall aduerteis. I will drynk with zow or my returning thairfra, to wse zow as our predecessouris hes don zouris. Remitting the rest to be performed as said is, be zour discretioun, with answer to the berair, committis zow to God. Ze may derek

¹ Original in the Charter-chest of Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquaharity.

the clerk and officiar to do it that appertenis to thar offices heirin, and to eik and pair to the premisses as is neidfull for the actiouun. At Glenberuy, the xiiij day of Junij 1589.

Zouris assured freind,

Gif ze think it meit that I wreit ony missiuis to some speciall barouns of our tenendrie to keipe the court, or zeit that it be neidfull that I subscrywe ony precept for the varninge to the court, send me the forme tharof, and I sall haist it to zow, with the namis to quhome I sall wreit.

To our ryght traist frend, the Lard of Inuerquhararie.

229. WILLIAM, NINTH EARL OF ANGUS, to THOMAS, FIFTH LORD BOYD.

Edinburgh, 2d August 1590.¹

PLEIS zour Lordship, I rasauit zour Lordshipis lettre this secund off Agust, for to send sum frendis and servandis to zour Lordship agane the tent off this instant to Grugar for zour Lordshipis curt haldin thair, as zour Lordship writt, nochwithstandin that the Lard Knokdoliane and I ar secund and thrid off kin; zit I can nocht bot remembir the ald standain kindnes betuix owr housis, and to declar my gudwill to zowr Lordship in zour honest caus, I sall send my servandis off Douglas, and frendis in Cliddisdaill, to keip the day and howr and place appointit in zour Lordshipis lettre, that the cuntrie may knaw that owr frendshipis ar jwnit in the ald maner, witht sik vther plesour as I may do salbe redy to zour Lordshipis charge. Remittin the rest thair to, committis zour Lordship to God. At Edinburgh, the secund of Agust 1590.

Zour Lordshipis awin cusing, assurit at pouar,

ANGUSS.

Gif I haid nocht ane actioune heir in sessione witht his majestie, I suld nocht sparit my awin traveill in that caus.

To my varay speciaill guid lord, my Lord Boid.

¹ Original Boyd Writ in Town-Clerk's office, Kilmarnock.

230. WILLIAM, TENTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR JAMES JOHNSTONE of Dunskellie, as to certain Border predators. Douglas, 12th September, circa 1592.¹

RYCHT trest freind, I resaifit zour letter declairing that swme of the Couchwmes, vtherwayes callit Jhonstons, and their cwmpleiches to the nwmer of sevine, hes cwme leitlie to Middilgill, and their hes reisit fyir, and hes slaine zoung Mongo of Lokarbie, quhairof I wes altogidder ignorant befoir the rescit of zour letter. Bot becaus I am vpoune Fredday nixt to repair toward his maiestie, I will verray effectuslie request to vse no rigour nor hostilie, ether in bur[n]ing or slaying, vnto the tyme his maiestie and consall tek tryell in that metter, and efter my returne quhat his maiestie thinkis expedient I sall do for punisment of the wrang zour freindis hes resaifit. I sall noct feill to put the same in executioun in all poyntis to zour contentment. In suspending your wreithe and leiffin of all violent reweng, I dout nocht bot it salbe ane beginning of ane gretter quyett boytht to zour freindis and self, and it will mowe his Maiestie to be the mor fauorable vnto zow. I will wreitt to his Maiestie the morne, to the effect his maiestie may appoyn特 me ane certane day, quhane I sall cwme to his maiestie for sic speciall turnis I haif ado, and, conforme to his maiesties aduertisment, I sall wreitt to zow to caus Middilgill meit me in Dalkeyth tomek his compleint. Returne me the tua assurances subscryvit be zour freindis, and siclyik the band Balcluche suld subscrywe, as also the cattolog of the fwit theiffis quhilkis ze promisit to me, for I am informit they ar daylie commitand stowthes and doand wrangis. Latt me haif zour ansuer with the berar quhat I may expect at zour handis anent the premissis; and this for the present I committ zow to Godis tuitioune. Frome Douglas, the xij of September.

Zour verray assurlit freind,

V. D. ERLL ANGUSS.

I haue wreittin instantlie to Drumlanrik werry quiklie anent your compleint, and sell lat yow wnderstand off his ansuer. Balcleuche will meitt me in Edinburgh about Sattiday or Sunday, and ye sell haue that c[il]auss in the band mendit as ze desyr. I sell send yow letteris to put the Cuchenis to the horn, for I assure yow this last fact selbe mendit, or than I sell want credite. It may be that this matter work zow a graitter weill.²

To his speciall gud freind the Lard off Johnstoun off Dunskyly, knycht.

¹ Original Letter in Annandale Charter-chest.

² This postscript and the address are holograph of the Earl.

231. WILLIAM, TENTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR JOHN OGILVY of Inverquaharity, requesting him to proclaim and hold a Court of Bailyar for the trying of a case of nonentry. Douglas Castle, 20th January 1592.¹

RICHT traist freind, effter our hairtlie com]mendationes. Wnderstanding that our freind and seruitor Maister Johne [. . .² hes] ane actioun of nonentres of Gegy depending before our Justice of Keremur, [quhilk hes] restit still ever sen the deceis of vnuquhile Erle Archibald our predecessor, being . . . the last and finall sentence procedit, in respect, as he sayis, litiscontestatioun was past and probatioun renuncit in the same caus; and being of mynd that he be na langer frustrat of justice, we will desyre zow to caus proclame ane courte at sic tym he sall aduerteis zow, and aftir mature deliberatioun tane in his said mater, ze will putt the same to ane finall poynt, and do thairin to his furtherance sua far as ze may of equitie and ressoun: and to that effect we gif zow our full commisioun to the concluding of the foirnamet actioun, promitten to hald ferme and stable, etc. Thus luiking ze will do, we commit zow to God. From the Castell of Douglas, the xx daye of Januar 1592.

Zour assurit guid freind,

V. D. ERLL OF ANGUSS.

Enderquaharitye, I will requeste zow to do conforme to the premissis, and lat this actioun be but forder delay put to some point.

To our richt traist freind, the Laird of Innerquaharietie.

232. THE SAME to THE SAME, requesting that he would wait on his Lordship in Edinburgh and assist him with his counsel. Douglas, 12th January 1601.³

RICHT assurit freynd, forsakle as the tent day off Februar nixtto cum is assignit to me and all otheris to produce befoir his Maiestie and Counsall our clames and titillis quhair we acclame honouris and places in parliamentis and generall counsallis, or neuir to be hard thaireftir, quhilk day, God willing, I purpois to keip; and seing that mater tendis sa heichlie to the honour of my hous, it is necessar I be accompaneit with my freyndis, and esteming zow ane of the speciali, I will thairfoir richt effectioulie requeist zow to be in Edinburgh the nynt day off the

¹ Original in the Charter-chest of Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquaharity.

² Original torn.

³ Original in the Charter-chest of Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquaharity.

said moneth, that I may haiff zour counsall with the rest of my freyndis in that mater, lyk as ze soll find me redie at all occasionis till acquite zow, and sua to meiting committis zow to Godis protectioun. Off Douglas, the xij of Januar 1601.

Zour assurit freynd,

I dout nocht bot ze will obey this my request, becaus ze come nocht the last I wrait for zow.

To his richt traist freynd, the Laird of Innerquharrattie.

233. THE SAME to THE SAME, requesting that he would attend upon his Lordship during the sitting of the ensuing Parliament. 15th March 1604.

RICHT assurit freynd, I dout nocht bot ze haue hard of the proclamatioun of the Parlament to the tent of April, and the warning maid to the haill nobilitie and estaitis thairto. It being our honor to be honestlie accompaneit with our freyndis according to our estait, we haue thocht meit to desir zow, as ane of our speciall, to be present withe ws, and that ze addreis zow heir twa or thre dayes befoir, that we may haue zour adwyse, withe the rest of our honourable freyndis, in all matteris requisit, as ze soll haue power to command ws as occatioun soll offer. Referring the rest to meitting, we commit zow in the protectioun of the Euerlasting. From Edinburgh, the fytein day of Marche 1604.

Your assurit guid freynd,

V. D. ERLL ANGUSS.

To his richt traist freynd, the Laird of Innerquharrattie.

234. THE SAME to THE SAME, intimating that he intended to spend a night with him shortly. Edinburgh, 31st March 1606.¹

TRUSTIE and luiffing freind, ze sall wit that I haue appointit to be vpoun the grund of contravertit land betuix Pittarro and Edzell the xxvij of Apryll nix-tocum; and becaus that I resolute to speik with my tennentis of Keremure anent the libertie of thair burgh, thairfoir I thocht meit to aduerteis zow that I will be with zow ane nicht ather in the weik efter Pasche, quihilk will be my furthgoing, or ellis in my heamcuming, quihilk will be in the weik efter law Sounday, and this I thocht gude to mak zow aduertisit of. And sua to farder occasioun I rest,

Zouris assurrit freind,

V. D. ERLL ANGUSS.

Edinburgh, xxxj Martij 1606.

To his ryght traist freind, Sir Johne Ogiluie of Inderquharatie, knycht.

235. THE SAME to his Brother-in-Law, WILLIAM FOREES of Monymusk, as to the latter's dispute with Cluny. 15th June 1610.²

[Paris], the 15 of June 1610.

LOVING BROTHER, I receaved your letter, and I am sory my Lord Huntlie hes misvset yow by your merit and deserving. My opinion is that ye sute your landis hauldand of the King, quihilk I believe sall relieve yow from Clunie's regal baillerie, or at the leist seing ye have a baillerie of your awin includet within your chartour lang before his richt, and in my opinion ye hauld these landis blanche, and consequentlie will aw na sutes to his regall court, I thinke ye can not be mikle hurt be ony posterior tyle of baillerie or regalitie; bot ye sall not blame me heiranent, for ye had the forming of the decretit be your awin men of lawes advyse, for I will wryte nothing to the Marquis of Huntlie at this present, for sick occasiones as the beirer will shaw yow at more lenthe. My counsell is, that ye cause Glenbervie travell with Clunie, and sie gif ye can get a new translation of that baillerie in your person and in your aires, and set him some tacks of his teindis to that effect, for the baillerie of regalitie will make yow to have a dependence of the hale cuntrey, and quhat rackes suppose ye give some of your geir mair nor it is worthe, to put your house in peace and quyetnes. I am very

¹ Original in the Charter-chest of Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquharity.

² Original at Monymusk.

sory that Mr. John could have done ony thing till offend or dishonour yow or your bairnes, and I haue wryten a letter of reproofe to him concerning that mater, for seing ye gat bot little tocher gude with our sister, it was the leist thing we could give yow our kyndnes and gudwill; bot quhere he hes offendet, gif ever I come in Scotland againe, I sall make yow ane mendis; and I am sory that I have not the commoditie at this tyme to be present, that I micht serve yow and other friendis in all your particular adoes; and seing your dochter is mariet, my opinion is that ye let the letters desert against all parties, for it will be bot chargeable to you and na profite, and ye will conqueis bot inmitie of the Frasers and of the Gordounes of Abirgeldie. I have beine somthing sieklie, bot now, God be praiset, I am weill. Thair is na newes heir bot sickle as the beirer will shaw yow in ane particular letter. The King was slane the 14 of May efter our count, vnhappilie, be ane dispairet fallow, ane of his awin subiectes of Angolesme, called Francis Ravaillac. He stude to his defence that he had done it iustlie, till his latter hour, and wauld nather crave God nor this King pardon for the same, albeit bathe the doctoures of Sorbone and the court of Parliament delt with him for that effect. He hes accuset na man quhatsomever to be airt or paift of that deid bot onlie himself, and said he was movet to do the same for sickle vane reasones that war lang to wryte. The Prince of Condé is daylie expected heir from Flanders, and gif the Princes of France agrie amang thameselves, as I thinke they sall do, thair will be nathing heir bot peace and quyetnes. The King was proclamet on the morne efter the King's deathe, Louis the 13, be the Parlamentis of France. He is to be anoynted at Rhemes the 26 of Julij, and the hale officers of estate and governoures of provinces and townes ar to be continewet as the war in the last Kings tyme. And thus my hartlie comendationes rememberet to my sister your bedfellow, your son William, and your bairnes, I rest,

Your loving brother,

V. D. ERLL ANGUS.

To his loving brother the Laird of Monimus, this be delyverit.

236. THE SAME to [Address wanting], with information as to the family honours. [Holograph. No date.]

COUSING, I will effectuislie request yow and my cusin Spott to lat his majestie see the premissis, and to intrait his sacret majestie to considerre heirof as affairis, and to remember the guid seruice the name of Douglas hes done for the libertie of

thair countray in tyms bypast, for this is the recompance and reward we inioye and possessis for the lyfis and bluid that hes bein prodigallie spentt in his majesties antecessouris of worthie memorie, kingis of Scotland, just quarell and defence; and siclyk I will desyr yow to acquent the Erll of Northehamtoun heirwith, and mak my maist affectionat commendatiouns to his honour, becaus I was acquented with him at Barweik. The rest I remitt to your discretiou, and to my cousin Spottis; and thus I tak my leif, remaning ewir your

Lufin cusing,

V. D. ERLL ANGUSS.

237. WILLIAM, ELEVENTH EARL OF ANGUS, to SIR JOHN OGILVY of Inverquaharity, knight, sent by Laurence Olyphant to receive pistols from Sir John, according to previous agreement. 1st April 1612.¹

LOWINGE freind, this present is, I hawe send my serwand Lawrence Olyphant to zow for to resawe the pistullis, as ze promeist at our last meitinge; as also I will desyre zowe to gif him informatione with the markis of the gowne that Sir Archballd Douglas his of the Laird of Logie that was zouris, as I haw wrytten to him for hir to that effect. Swa not ellis for the present, I rest,

Zour Lowing frnd

Angus

Thamtalen, the 1 of Apryle 1612.

To the ryght worschipfull and his lowing freind, Sir Jhone Ogelbe of Innerquaharetie, knycht.

238. THE SAME to THE SAME, intimating that his Lordship was to defend in an action raised by the town of Forfar against his burgh of Kirriemuir. 21st May [c. 1622].²

RYCHT traist freind, I resauit zour lettre, quhairin I persaiff the toun of Forfar hes chargit the inhabitantis of my burgh of Kilemure for dissesting fra all trade

¹ Original in the Charter-chest of Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquaharity.

² *Ibid.*

and traſque of mercatis, wairis, and ſelling, etc., as nocht beand fre burgh; and thairfair, becaus it is preiudiciale to my previlege and libertie of my regalities, I am to defend and manetein that mater, and, according to zour desyre, hes writtin at lentht to Maister Willame Oliphant to mak anſuer for my ſaid burgh of Kilemure in the reſonning of the ſuſpensioun, quhilk I dout nocht bot ze haif cauſit deliver to him, ſeing the day of comperance is on Tyſday next. Farder, ze moist ſchaw Logy Wischert that, in regard he hes nocht keipit bot diſappointit me of my money, I have him registrat at the horne, quhairfair I will haif him to compone for his brek and diſappointing me at this terme, ſince my adois tendis to my credite, quhilk in a part zour ſelf knawis. Swa having no forder for the preſent, I rest,

Zouris assureit freind,

ANGUS.

Dowglas, 21 May.

To my rycht assureit freind, the Laird of Innerquharritie.

239. SIR GEORGE AUCHINLECK, LORD BALMANNO, to [Address wanting], relative to the claim by William, eleventh Earl of Angus, to the lands of Auchinleck. [Contemporary copy, *circa* 1627.]

LUFFING frind: For anſuer to zour last lettre concerning the leving of Auchlek, I remember I was present at ane consultatioun with my Lord and his aduocatis, ſen his lordſhipis cuming hame out of Fraunce, quharin it was than ſett doun quhat course my Lord ſuld follow out concerning his titill to thais landis. Bot thair was ane contracte or copie of ane indentur fund paſſit betuix Archibald Douglas of Glenbervie, quha was my Lordis grāndſchir, and ſone to Elizabeth Auchinlek, on the ane part, and Boswell of Auchinlek on the wther, quhairin the ſaid Archibald renu[n]cis all rycht he or his airis may clame or pretend to thais landis of Auchinlek: we culd ſie nothing bot ane copie of ane inhibitioun raisit vpoun this contract or indentur quhilk buir the contentis thairof. And the aduocatis thought that gif this contracte was extant, it wald debar my Lord fra ony clame to thais landis. They advyſit my Lord ather to ſerve him ſelf air to Elizabeth, or to Sir William Douglas of Braidwod, knycht, ſpous to the ſaid Elizabeth, quha was infeft in thais landis be Mr. John Auchinlek, father-brother to the ſaid Elizabeth. This Mr. John had a ſone callit James Auchinlek, quha maried ane of the thrie dochteris and airis of vñquhill Sir Adame Hepburn of

Craigis, and thairby acquyirit the thrid part of the said Sir Adame Hebburnis landis. The said James begat on the said heretrix Hebturn a sone callit William, quha succeedit to his mother in the thrid part landis pertening to the said vnuquhill Sir Adame, and was called Laird of Schethin. This William had no airis mail, bot fyve dochteris, quha war all maried, and hes childrene come of thame: bot in his awin tyme he sauld his land to my father, and, with the prye thairof, tocherit his dochteris. Be quhat rycht thir Boswellis bruikis the landis I cannocht tell; bot it is ather be ane gift of recognitioun or nonentrie, as I suppose. Gif my Lord serve himself air to ony of his predecessouris that war last infect in thais landis, he may, be ane summountis of improbatioun, gett productioun of all Boswellis rychtis. I may persuad zow that James Auchinlek of Tueidie hes no thing that may awaill in this earand; for gif he or his father or gudschir had had ony wreattis concerning the landis, my father wald haif gottin thame; and gif they had come in my handis, they suld haif bene als readie as gif they had bene in my Lordis chartour kist, to serve his Lordschipis earaund. For it wald be ane great pleasure to me to sie his Lordschip, that richtlie is discendit of that hous, and is to me and myn as he is, inioy that leving rather nor ane strangear, with quhome I haif no kynd of obligatioun. Gif the foirsaid contracte cut nocth aff my Lord fra his rycht, I houp his Lordschip soll mak a brangill to his advaantage; and I wisch at God I micht mak ony help thairto.

240. WILLIAM, MARQUIS OF DOUGLAS, to SIR JOHN OGILVY of Inverquharity, requesting him to pursue in the Bailie Court of the Regality of Kirriemuir the Laird of Fintrie, for violent occupation of the lands held by David Douglas. Edinburgh, 8th April 1642.¹

RYCHT assurit freind, ze soll ressaeue thir varningis of myne, and direct zour officiaris to vse thame lauchfullie in dew tyme aganis sic as appertenis. As to Fentrie, I send zow ane decret of removing obtenit be me aganis vnuquhile Dauid Dowglas, to persew Fentrie in zour court as succeeding in the vice and violent occupatioun of Dauid Dowglas, for the byrunis awand me be Dauid Dowglas and thois aganis quhome I obtenit that decret. Thair is no law nor resson that can purge any personis fact or wrangous deid quha maliciouslie intrudis him in possessioun of

¹ Original in the Charter-chest of Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquharity.

quhatsumewer personis landis be fraud that can debar the heritour or titular of thois landis frome his rentis and dewetes. Bot the persone intrusar of all necessitie is lyabill to the heretour for the byrun maillis of the landis he wrangouslie intrudit himself in but consent of the heretour. Fentrie is schireff himself of Angus. I dout nocht he is ignorant of this forme of proces, and this I wilbe anuerabill to zow is the custome and practik of this cuntrie, bothe befoir the Lordis of Sessioun and als in all vtheris judicatoreis within this kingdome, quhairin I am certainlie resolut. It is no freindlie delling to Fentrie to intrude him in my landis, and bothe abstract the deweteis awand me be my taxisman and the dewetie sen his occupatioun, quhilk is xiii or xiiii zeiris. Thairfoir do me iustice, and lett thir byrunis be adiwgit and decernit to me in zour court of all zeiris bypast to this hour, and I sall tak the most discreet way in tyme cuming to sattill that mater with ressone. Sen I can haue no vther delling in that bissines but be rigour, lett the mater go so on. I am no to blame to seik this deweteis restand this fourtene zeiris. In just jugement the reteneris thairof ar nocht blameles, quha bothe intrudit him self in thois landis, and retenis my deweteis but my consent. Giff Pitmowis zour discharge for his byrun few maillis, quhillk sal be sufficient for him, and he sall haue my discharge conforme to zouris quhen he pleissis. I houp ze salbe ane rewlar of all my pepill in thois boundis of Kerimure, and sie that no wrang be tane nor done be any of tham to vtheris, and ressaue Omocheis few maillis, quhome I haue wrettin to giff zow thame, and giff him zour discharge thairof sen the dait of his chaittour. I rest and sall remane,

Zour assurit freind,

Edinburgh, 8th Aprile 1642.

What siluer yow gait glue to Condie, and wreitt to me what yow glue him : and if the Lerd off Fentrie do a dewtie, go fordwar with him, accordingly as I haue wreittin.

To his trest freind, the Laird of Innerquharitie.

241. WILLIAM, FIRST MARQUIS OF DOUGLAS, to the LAIRD OF GAIGIE [GUTHRIE], as to Hume of Godscroft's book. Douglas, 25th January 1644.¹

Douglas, the 25 Januar 1644.

TREST freind, I ressaued your lettred concerning that booke quhilk Anna Home is to caus print, to send all my obseruationes of the erroris thairof. Ye know I did delyver to yow sindrie in writ, and can not in such aye tyme, vpon aye suddenlie, send them all to yow, nor yit can get the trew coppie to be so tymouslie printed; and quhairas ye say it may possiblie goe verie hard vyles that I compone with them, quhilk will stand me verie deare, I am content, as I spak to yourselff, to pay a paire, and to let hir have the benefit of the trew richt coppie, bot not that I sould pay for all, for it concerns my sone and the rest of our freindis of the name moir nor it does me, in respect of my old age, and it sall be knowne heirefter that I have takin moir nor extraordinar paines in that busines, sua I mvst not beir the burding of all thingis, for considering all particularis, I have moir adoee nor I have quhairvpon to doe it. I have gottin aye chairg from the Chanceler for xxiiij^z pund of annuitie, to be payit within sex dayes, quhairintill my sone hes moir entres than I, I being bot lyferenter, and God knowes how long. Quhat newis ye have ye may writ with the beirer in assurance; noct farder, I rest,

Your loveing freind,

W^M DOUGLASS.

To my trest freind, the Laird of Gaigie.

242. THE SAME to THE SAME, desiring a special visit. Douglas, 30th January 1644.²

Douglas, the 30th of Januar 1644.

RIGHT assured frind; since your parting from this ther ar certaine occations ocured, wherin I am to express my self to some of my particulare frinds, and ther ar few that I uill craive ther oponyon befor yow. Heirfor these ar to requair yow most earnistly to be heir upon Tuisday next, and for that end I have derectit thir lynes in dev tyme to have the assurance of your keipeing the forsaide apoyntment. The expectation theroff sall moue me to send yow into Edinburgh my wayfes

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

² *Ibid.*

haiknay horse vpon Monday nixt, beseeching that non earthly haue notice of your heir coming that it is be my instigation. Sua remeitting all to meitting, I rest,
Your good frind,

W^M. DOUGLASS.

I dout not bot yow will haist the bairrair bak with all dilligence, since he hath no other thing to attend bot your anser; your remaining heir sall not be aboue twa nights.

For the Leard off Gaigie, my speciall good frind.

243. THE SAME to THE SAME, desiring a visit. Douglas, 3d February 1644.¹

Douglas, the 3 February 1644.

RICHT assured freind, I ressaued your lettre, quhairin ye writ that ye have spokin with Mr. Laurence severall tymes about my valuationes, to the effect that thairby my pairt of the annuitie micht be knowin, bot hes gottin nothing bot delayes, quhilk hes maid me to send in my clerk to him thairanent and sindrie vther particular busines, for generall lettres gettis onlie generall answeris. As also I have sent in to yow my wyffes paissit naig, and will desire yow to cum west heir to me, sua soone as convenientlie ye may cum efter the sicht heirof, if it could be the morrow efter, to the effect ye may returne the sooner bak againe. So nocht farder, expecting yow will bring with yow sick newis as accordis, I rest,

Your verie loveing freind,

W^M. DOUGLASS.

To my richt assured freind, the Laird of Gaigie, delyuir this as its derect on the bake.

244. THE SAME to THE SAME, thanking him for news. Douglas,
25th February 1644.²

Douglas, the 25 of February 1644.

ASSURED frind, I receuitt yours from my seruand, James Douglas, by the which I do glie yow thanks for your nouels, and as thai accure with yow I alvayes expect til be perticepant. Sir William wreitt to me the lyke, but with this addition, that

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

² *Ibid.*

our peiple haid taikin on Colonell Branlie and 5 fut coullouris. Howsoeuir, belive I leuked all the fyres in the castell, and the best for the tyme was in the hall, which I put your lettre in the meidest thairof, witnis my wayfe Maill, as on all occasions I sall do to the rest of yours; and in the maintyme remember me to your good frind, the Commissaire Aikinhaid, as I do remaine,

Your verie louing frind,

W^M. DOUGLASS.

For my good frind, the Leard of Gaigie.

245. THE SAME to THE SAME, in reference to the history of the Douglas family. Douglas, 10th March 1644.¹

Douglas, the 10 March 1644.

RICHT assuired freind, I have written to Mr. William Drumond, desireing him to cum heir sua soone as convenientlie he may, that I may speik with him concerning the historie of Douglas. Thairfoir I will desire yow delyver this vther lettre to him, and vse the best meanes yourself with him to caus him cum heir, for I thought maist fite that ye sould be the delyverer of my lettre, to the effect that ye may speik with him and furder him heir. Nocht farder, I rest,

Your verie guid freind,

W^M. DOUGLASS.

To my richt assuired freind, the Laird of Gaigie.

246. THE SAME to THE SAME, desiring advice as to certain matters.

Douglas, 17th March 1644.²

Douglas, the 17 of March 1644.

RICHT assuired freind, I ressaued ane lettre from my baillie, the Laird of Innerquharritie, desireing ane tak of the customes of Keremuire from me, quihich I have delayed to give him a particular anser, to the effect I may first speik with yow and have your advyse thairintill. Secondlie, concerneing that busines betuix Fentrie and me, quihilk is remittit to yow, I wald desire yow that ye will put it

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

² *Ibid.*

to sum point, for ye know quhat I may get aff him be law, thairfair let it be no longer delayit. So nocht farder, I rest,

Your verie loveing freind,

W^M. DOUGLASS.

I expect the assurance of some nouels in regard of the certaintie of this bairrair, as also remember me to my good frind the Commissare Aikinhaid.

To my verie loveing freind, the Laird of Gaigie.

247. THE SAME to THE SAME, acknowledging receipt of news. 17th [] 1644.¹

The 17 of this instant, 1644.

APROUD frind, I uald not suffir the berrair, James Ore, the cotchman, pass from this without glueing assurance to yow that I receuitt your lettred, as also ane other from our good frind, with the newes, and ane copie of the ansuer of that letter which hath bein wreitten from the Gouernor of Newcastell to Argille and Sir William's arrmie. And show our good frind that all the nouels which comes from him I do bourne them, only I keip the copie off the lettred, because itt hath good sence, and weill penid. Expecting the nouels as occasion offirs, quhatt hath past since, for its reported heir my Lord off Lanrik hath escaped (in assurance) and coming doun by sie, I rest,

Your good frind,

W^M. DOUGLASS.

For my good frind, the Leard of Gaigie.

248. THE SAME to JOHN, EARL OF WEMYSS. Douglas, 30th March 1649.

[Contemporary Copy.]²

MY HONORABILL LORD, since I find by my sone Angus that he hath cast his affectione vpon a young lady, your grandchild, and that he assoures me booth of hir gooduill towards him, and of your Lordships and hir parents inclination till accept of his offir of service to you, I uas willing, by this, to signifie to your Lordship not only the satisfactione I haue in my sones now settling of himself, as I haue thирto beine pressing him heirtofor, but also my hartyly consent to your alliance, and his maching uith your family, nocht doubting but you uill now concure in a speciall ceare and respect of the uele and standing of my house. So

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

² Original at Wemyss Castle.

I doe intrat your Lordship to remember my blissing to your child, till I haue the occasione myself to assoure hir of prouing a kind father, as I shall euir remeane,
Your Lordships most reall and louing freind,

W^M. DOUGLASS.

Douglas, the 30 of March 1649.

For my honorabill good Lord, the Earle of Weemes.

This is the true copie of the Marquisse of Douglas letter to John, Earl of Wemyss, vnder his own hand and seale.¹

249. THE SAME to the LAIRD OF GAGIE, desiring a visit on business.

Perth, 6th September 1650.²

St. Johnstone, 6th September 1650.

RIGHT assured friend, I marvell, yow knowing me to have been so long in this toune, thatt yow would not be att the paines to come and visitt your old friend ; therefore these are to desyre yow immediatlie vpon sight heerof to be pleased to come heare to St. Johnstone, thatt I may speake with yow about some businnes of concernment, which att meetting I shall show yow. So vndoubtedly expecting your comeing, I remaine,

Your very assured friend,

W^M. DOUGLASS.

The continuance of my kyndnis is such as to say that God nor Gaigie gait him who is his humble servand. Douglass doith kiep ane mirrie man to the foir in all inquietus of tymes which doith presant. I expect your being heir on Monday next.

For his very assured friend, the Laird of Guthrie—These.

250. ARCHIBALD, EARL OF ANGUS, eldest son of William, first Marquis of Douglas, to the LAIRD OF GUTHRIE, desiring the latter to come to Perth for the King's Coronation. Dundee, 11th December 1650.³

Dundie, this 11 December 1650.

MY AWN LAIRD, I doe assuredly blame the miscaryng of my letter, that yow came not to me hither, for their be diuerse things I wold haue spoken of with yow.

¹ This note and the copy letter itself are holograph of Lord Wemyss.

² Original at Guthrie Castle.

³ *Ibid.*

Alwyse I pray yow, if yow haue put an end to my busines with my Lady Kingorn or Clauerhouse, send me word so soon as yow can if yow come not your self to Perthe, for if the coronation hold on the first of January (as I know nothing to the contrary), I must desire yow, with my other freinds and vassalls, to come to me their against that tym. I know yow will remember what money yow expect to get me, that it be in gold so much as yow can. The Laird of Poury beeing heer at this tym, hath been waiting on me. I know yow will see my sister at your first coming to this toun. So till I hear from yow again, I will saye no mor by paper, bot rests,

Your affectionat freind



ANGLUS

For my assured freind, the Laird of Guthry.

251. THE SAME to THE SAME, on business. Perth, 19th December 1650.¹

Perth, the 19 of December 1650.

MOST loving freind, since the dyet of the Kinges coronation is to hold (God willing) the first of Januarie, at which tyme I intend to waite vpon his Majestie, accompanied with my best freinds, these are therefor to intreat yow to let me have your company at this occasion, and for this effect that yow would be pleased to be heir at me vpon Tuysday, the last of this moneth, wherin yow sall doe me a singular favour, and oblige me to remayne,

Your most affectionat freind,

ANGUS.

I haue resaued your last from Dundie, and if yow finde these parties become less earnest than they wer in their awn busines, yow shall not press them farther,

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

bot only since yow know we had condiscended with the one party on ane express soum. Now, if the sam be not brought to me with their writes, to be subscruied at your nixt coming to me, yow sall exoner both yourself and me, if heerafter I stand not to the bargain which once I was content of; and for the other, as I told yow how easily I wold be pleased with what wer offerred me in a hearty way and tymously, yet if this occasion be neglected, he may finde me not alwyse in so good a tune.

For my most loving freind, the Laird of Guthry.

252. THE SAME to THE SAME, desiring his presence and advice. Dundee,
25th February [1651].¹

Dondie, 25 February [1651].

MY HONEST GUTHRY,—I perswad my self still my letters and my sisters haue been miscaryed that you came not to us heer. Our chief business with yow was (beacaus of my dearest sisters resolution to goe ouer seas) to haue your assistance and aduyse in som things concerning her, as she will tell yow whensoever yow will come hither to see her; and if yow can not get leasure or occasion to come so farr as Perthe to see a creple man, I will entreat yow to wryt to me if yow haue gotten any thing done in these business now so long delayed, or else if yow [haue] giuen it ouer with the partys that I may be at my witts end clearly theiranent. Thus expecting your answer, I rest,

Your euer louing freind,

ANGUS.

Jeane Lindesay wonders she has not gotte answer of that letter I gaue yow for her grandmother. That yong woman is with my wyf at Perth, wher she has fallen sick lately of the small pocks, bot I hope she shall be well.

For my assured freind, the Laird of Guthry.

253. THE SAME to THE SAME, as to the Earl's admiralty jurisdiction in
Dundee. Dundee, 9th April [1651].²

Dundy, this 9 of Apryl [1651], in the morning.

MY HONEST GUTHRY,—Being called for to this tour be my chyld sicknes (which is prouen missells, and not the small pocks, I thank God), I fand heir a process

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

² *Ibid.*

betuixt two skippers befor the Admiral Court, wherin I did resolute to sitt judge myself, and so sent to the magistrats of the toun that their tolbooth might be patent for me to hold a Court of Admiralty theirin, which they did indeed ciuilly and courteously content me in, only alledged they behoued to make a protestation that it might not be prejudicial to their awn right of admirality, which they could not produce, in respect of their clerk, Sir Alexander Wetherburns absens this day, bot they promise to send it to me to St. Johnstoun, and this I wold haue been satisfied with, if I had gone on in my court; bot finding the citations and proces aforsaid to be in the name of the magistrats heer, as admirale-deputs of the Duke of Lennox, I resolved to caus alter the summons, and transferr the cause to St. Johnston, wheroft I thought good to acquent yow that I wold noways acknowlege their right heer till I shall see the sam. I long for your resolution to me anent the admirality of Mernes, which I wold as willingly lay upon any of Arbuthnets freinds as himself. I hope yow will hasten me a resolution also in my other businesses as soon as yow can; you know my meaning; and thus desyring by your answer to know the receipt heerof, I rest,

Yours euer,

ANGUS.

I told yow of a busines of myn which was thought wold anger som people, and findeing in effect it wold doe so, I was content to contryue my busines another way rather than disobblige for such a busines that I haue done now better to my awn mynd.

254. THE SAME to THE SAME, in reference to misconduct of Ogilvy of Innerquaharity towards Guthrie. Perth, 10th May [1651].¹

Perth, 10 May [1651].

MY HONEST AND DEAR GUTHRY,—I was much surprysed that I never heard of that renconter yow haue had with that humorous and idle yong man Innerwharity till yesternight, be my father, at his return heer from Angus. Wherupon I haue sent this gentleman to my Lord Airly and my Lord Ogilby, the yong mans kinsman and colonel, who, I trust, will not permitt any that commands his troupes to make use of their charge in such a kynd; and treuly, if they doe not

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

resent the busines as they should, it shall not passe. Wherfor I haue willed the bearer to acquent yow with the tenor of my letters, and whatsoeuer answer he resaues from these Lords, that we may resolute what course to take in a busines so reflecting, wheroft I entreat yow to wryt me the true narration, becaus I will represent to his Majesty, for the good of his awn seruice, that such things be taken order with in tym ; and thus, till your answer, I rest,

Your euer louing freind,
ANGUS.

Acquent me if yow resaued a letter I did wryt to yow from Dundy at my being their the last monthe. For newes, their is much din among us for general officers. Pitscotty and Colonel Dalyell (that stiff Irish engager) should be general majors to the foot. Great pressing for Calander to be ouer D[avid] Lesly, and greater opposition, himself refusing thogh all should agree for him. For priuat newes, our couesign Jane Lindesay will mary the Lord Torfichen, and I haue agreed to it heartely, thogh her unkle, my Lord Weyms, will not yet consent. I think myself very much beholding to this unkle of Torfichens, who, finding me so to resent this cariage of Innerwharities, when I was aduising whom to employ to Angus theiranent, did offer himself to cary my letters, and to doe me the best seruice he could in the busines. So till I hear from yow again, farewell.

For my louing freind, the Laird of Guthry.

255. WILLIAM, MARQUIS OF DOUGLAS, to THE SAME, in reference to attack
on the house of Guthrie. Perth, 22d May 1651.¹

Perth, 22 May 1651.

MOST assured friend, I am exceeding sorie for that accident hes befallen yow. Housone I gott intelligence of itt by your brother-in-law, I spoke with my Lord Hume, who much resents the bussiness, as yow may parceave by his owne letter, and hes sent ordouris to Collonell Hume very tymelie this morneing to secure all of them, till they be brought to condigne punishment. He protests if they come in his hands, so farre as his power may reach, there shalbe none spaired that had an hand in the fact. There was no furder I could demand of the nobleman for his part. I wrytt with your brother to my sonne Angus, and to

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

Mordingtoune, who are both at Stirling. I say no more, butt be assured to the vtmost of my power I shall labour to sie yow repaired, and restis,

Your very assured friend,

W^M. DOUGLASS.

For my very assured friend, the Laird of Guthrie—These.

256. ARCHIBALD, EARL OF ANGUS, to THE SAME, regretting an attack upon
Guthrie House by some troopers. Perth, 25th May [1651].

Perth, 25 May [1651].

MY DEAR GUTHRY,—Hauing been with the King at Sterlin the begining of this last week, and coming back from thence be the coastsyd of Fyf, that way I missed your brother-in-law, who they tell me went from this to Sterlin, and was grieved to the heart at my return yesternight late to understand of that misfortune befallen yow from these barbarous villains. I thought once to haue comed straight to yow to see how yow are, and to see a course taken and execution done upon them, who I am glad yet to hear ar taken; bot I haue been aduyised to stay here now till your brothers return from Sterlin, that I may know first what he has gotten done their from the King or Parliament now sitting, for which effect I haue also written to Sterlin, in case he be not yet dispatched as I wold wish. In the mean tym I haue sent this bearer to bring me word how yow are, and if these cutthroates be all taken, also that yow may let me know if yow desyr my coming their, what tym yow wold haue me to be at yow, or what course will be best to be taken in jugeing and examineing these men, whither by the ordinary and legall way, or by a counsell of warr. I entreat yow to cause wryt to me at lenth, and send me word particularly what may be fittest both for your good and your honour to be repaired, as also for my interest and relation to yow, as who shall proue while I liue,

Your most affectionat freind,

ANGUS.

Resaue these other two letters, the one from my father, the other from my Lord Hoom.

For the Laird of Guthry.

257. THE SAME to the LAIRD OF EDZELL, urging him to diligence against the troopers who had attacked Guthrie House. Perth, 27th May [1651].¹

Perthe, 27 May [1651].

SIR,—There is a commission directed to yow as Sheriff of the shyr to apprehend and examine these cut-throats (rather than troupers) who haue committed that insolencie in the house of Guthry, which all noblemen and barons wold look on as an ill preparatioun from sojourns. So these are to shew yow that gentleman Guthry is my speciall freind, and the bailliye of my regality their. Wherfor I will entreat yow, for my respect and interest, to take the mor paines to examine narowly and search out who may be suspected to haue had any hand in this fact, and it shall be an obligation I shall owe to yow while I liue.

Your couisigne her matche is going on with the Lord Torfichen, and I think they will mary this week in a priuat way, as most suitable for these tymes. We shall be glad to see yow heer at your coming into these partes, and that yow wold bring with you that contract, to let us haue a sight of it. Thus till I see yow or hear from yow, I rest,

Your most affectionat freind and seruant,

ANGUS.

For my much honoured friend, the Laird of Egyell.

258. THE SAME to the LAIRD OF GUTHRIE, in regard to the same matter.

Perth, 27th May [1651].²

Perth, 27 May [1651].

MY HONEST GUTHRY,—I did wryt to yow with my man, who I hope is with yow befor this, so as I haue no mor to say with this bearer, since he has gotten a commission, bot that I wish he had addressed himself to my unkle Mordintoun at Sterlin, to whom my father directed him in my absens. Now, at my mans return, or so soon as this bearer comes to yow, I will expect to hear back from yow what my cariage may be, and if yow wish my coming to yow their, or to bring a mor ample commission with me for doeing justice on these murtherers.

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

² *Ibid.*

In the mean tym I beseech yow take a good heart to your self, and I shall omitt nothing, God willing, that lyes in my power to witnes how farr I am,

Yours whill I liue,

ANGUS.

I hane thought good to wryt to Edyell, the Shireff, to entreat him to take paines in the busines accroding to the commission.

For the Laird of Guthry.

259. THE SAME to THE SAME, inviting him to Dundee during the meeting of the General Assembly of the Church. Dundee, 26th July [1651].¹

Dundee, 26 July [1651].

MY louing freind, the Assembly, it was thought, should haue taken the alarum almost as hote in this toun as they did at St. Andrewes, and I thought not to haue stayed heer the most parte of this week as I haue done. Now that we intend, God willing, to sit still this nixt week lykwyse, I am to goe this day to Perth, and to be back heer again Monday or Teusday; so I haue sent this bearer to bring me word how you are, and if you be well able to traual without incommodity, to inuite yow hither for a day or two to see your consign, Mr. Guthry of Sterlin, I hope well used; otherwyse I will rather make yow the uisite som day of this nixt week, befor it wrong yow in any sort to com heer. Thus, my seruice remembred to your lady, I rest,

Yours till death,

ANGUS.

For the Laird of Guthry.

260. THE SAME to THE SAME, thanking him for attention to business.

Holyroodhouse, 5th July [no year].²

Halyrudhouse, 5 July.

MY HONEST KYND LAIRD,—I resaued yours yesternight, and haue resolued to dispatch back the bearer this morning to yow with the answer as yow reqyur it. I haue no mor to say to yow, bot that I see now yow ar beginning to be (or rather now I am beginning to see you ar) carefull of my business their. I long indeed for your being heer, for if I had mett with yow as I expected at the beginning of this session, I wold haue intended som wakening of my plea with Clauer[h]Jous,

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

² *Ibid.*

for I will not altogether forget that busines, for in effect he is the only man in these partes yet I think myself fardest behind with. Alwyse delaying this and other purposes (as also all your thanks) till meeting, I rest,

Your euer louing freind,
ANGUS.

For my assured freind, the Laird of Guthrie, Gaigie.

261. THE SAME to THE SAME, returning a book. Tantallon Castle,
[no date].¹

Thomtalan, this Thursday morning.

COUSIGN, I resaued your letter this morning, and to shew yow how punctually I wold obey your desyr, I haue sent back the book, not one of the loose papers in it awanting ; thogh if yow had been heer to see how few dayes mor wold haue giuen me full satisfaction in it, I know you wold yet haue chosen to haue delayed my Lord a litill mor, and for his anger haue bidden (as they say) the inshe as yow haue done the spann. Bot now I know I shall perhapes neuer see it again. So now, hauing gott your will, if you wold yet venture a chyding (which yow know will at the deluyerye be forgotte again), and will send it me back at the first occasion, I will promise yow to haue done with it with my man Mr. William Gray his help befor his parting out of the countrey, for he is desyred to be ready within a fortnight to part for France with some recreues for my brothers regiment; alwayes this leauing to your awn dexteritie. For your mortification, the litill tym I haue had to read it ouer affoordes me only occasion to thinke yow may, if yow please, speak to Argyl in it ; bot I shall be sory (since I see it was payable a. 38) if not only the principall, bot interests since be to be craued off yourself. As to that Angus busines, I am glaid yow finde it in your power to doe anything in it. I can not in such a mater express myself by writ, bot Hasilsyd, who is heer with me, being to goe back to the toune tomorrow or nixt day, yow shall meet with him, and he shall acquent yow with the state of my busines, after the which yow may consider if I may undergoe the bargain of myself; for my father, I fear I need not look for the help from him which other fathers in such a case wold be lykly to affoord. Yow see the freedom is used with yow by

Your uery louing cousin,
ANGUS.

For my cousins Gagie.

¹ Original at Guthrie Castle.

262. THE SAME to SIR JOHN OGILVY of Inverquharity, with reference chiefly to public affairs and the state of parties in the kingdom. Tantallon, 22d January, [no year].¹

LOUING FREIND.—See heerwith the double of that my first letter, which I had directed by one of my awne to yow, but my seruant was a littil officious in burdening therwith my Lord Kinghorne, going ouer from Edinburgh at that tyme. As for that particular, I doubt not bot yow haue done therin your awne endeavour of yourselfe, thogh my letter was miscaryed. Always now I was uery glaid to receiue yours of the 4th of this monthe, and theirby to know that yow rest so well satisfied with the last proclamations; and of your resolution to adhere theirto the King your master, God willing, shall be particularly certified, and I wold desyr yow not to doubt bot whatsoeuer his Majesty hes now thus declared to us, he will fully secure and ratifie the same. For if I wer not heeroft most confident myself, I wold perhaps think other thoughts then euer I hope in God I shall. Also I pray God remoue this generall distrust too many hes of our prince his performances, wherby these fearfull diuisions amongs our selfes may take a good end befor an euill beginning. In the mean tym doe me the fauour to acquaint me, as occasion offers, how maters passes amongs yow in Angus. Thus yow see I am homely with yow, and I will lykwayes desyr wherin I can be stedable to yow, that yow will use me as

Your uery assured freind to my power,

Thomtalan, 22 Ja^v.

ANGUS.

To my much respected and loving freind, the Laird of Innerquharitie.

263. THE SAME to DAVID, SECOND EARL OF WEMYSS. 11th September
[circa 1653].²

MY LORD,—I haue receiued yours, and am uery glad to know that your Lordship is in som small hopes yet of our titty Mary's recovery. I intend to see your Lordship, if I can, the end of this week, God willing. In the meantym, receiveiue that of Glennegys waird, which I had besyd me. Thus, my seruice presented to my Lady and all your good company, I rest,

Your Lordship's humble seruant,

Halyruidhous, 11th September.

ANGUS

For the Earle of Weymss.

¹ Original in the Charter-chest of Sir John Ogilvy of Inverquharity.

² Original at Wemyss Castle.

264. THE SAME to his Brother-in-law, JAMES, FOURTH DUKE OF LENNOX.

Holyroodhouse, April 1654.

MY LORD,—Your brother George Hamiltoun¹ findeing himself destitut of all worldly subsistance heer, he hes that instinct of generosity, thogh being a vury yong man, as he does choise to lead his lyf either in wellfair or misery abroad rather than heir at home, wher many may pity him bot few help him. As for myself, I doubt not bot your grace may haue heard of my posture thorough Abercorn his misfortune. As to my regrait, I can giue account that, besyds all his lands now sold, I rest a looser, for my kyndnes and relations to him, betuixt fyue and six thousand pounds sterlin, and yet if Billy George his spirit gaue him to stay in this countrey, I should not be deficient in what I am able to doe for him. Bot being he hes a design farder off, and to make his first address to your grace, I can doe no less then beseech you to countenance him, not acording to the merits of his unfortunat elder brother, bot as nature does requyr and the towardly inclination of this youth will deserue, your grace wold be pleased so to look upon him, that your awn goodnes may appear in bothe; and thus craueing pardon humbly to kiss my Lady Duchesse her hands, and praying God to bless your hopefull children, I take my leauie as your grace's most humble and affectionat seruant and brother,

Halyrudhouse, Apryl 1654.

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For the D[uke] of Lennox, Apryl 1654, for Billy George Hamiltoun.

265. LADY JEAN WEMYSS, COUNTESS-DOWAGER OF ANGUS, to her Father,
DAVID, SECOND EARL OF WEMYSS.²

Can[ongate], 7 July 1659.

MY LORD AND DEAR FATHER,—I must needs vindicate myself from thos unjust aleagances which Bogie wold inferr from thos papers which I desyred your Lordship and him to subscribe; for the two that my Lord Angus friend hes already subscribed, they were papers advised as necessary to be subscribed (incase of ane agreement betwixt the Lady Alexander and me) by Sir Thomas Nicolson himself, befor his death, as being the best mean to convince the young pupels that what

¹ Brother uterine. The mother of the Duke of Lennox married James, second Earl of Abercorn, and was m·ther of George Hamilton. ² Original at Wemyss Castle.

wee did was for ther good and not to ther hurt and leassion, the subscriving of which could not wrong thos that did it, because it was done but by way of declaration as friends. I confess it might incapacitate the subscrivers to be tutors afterward ; but Sir Thomas said if that agreement was fullfiled, my children wold need no tutors. Upon this groundt it was that I desyred your Lordship to singe thos papers ; and for the other, which does only give me the keeping of my own children, I was assured that your subscriving of it could not bring yow in hazard befor I sent it to yow, els I should never have presented it to your Lordship ; for the narrating that parte of the testament wherin yow are named toutors will not inferr your being tutors, but that yow might renunce the office of tutorie, notwithstanding of your subscriving that paper ; and for my seeking of it now, it is the only time wherin I can hope to get my allays hands to it, for if they doe it not now, upon the account of other favours I doe them, they will never doe it heerafter. Nether could your Lordship and my other friends subscribe such a paper after I were maried, which yow may savyne doe now, because then it wold make yow tutors. But I shall not desyre yow any more to singe it, seing yow aprehend a hazart in it, and for thos yow have subscrived, I think yow shall have them to take your name from them again, for my alayes will not be satisfied except I did oblidg myself that your Lordship nor non other of my friends should never seek more for my children, which I have refussed to doe, least I should secum in it. I know it is the affects of Bogie's imbittered sprite that maks him start all thes scrups, of purpose to vex me ; but he shall lose his desinge in that, and I shall never employ him more with any thing concerns me or mine, for I have now found it well made good that which your Lordship has often told me of him, and I shall ever esteem him so hearafter. I have sent your Lordship, heer inclosed, the translation of all that concerns my jointer, or any other estate I may ask or claime. The dait of it is advised to be left blank by my lawier that was intrusted with the draught of it, for he says bussines must be purswed in my Lord Ruthvens name, being a person who wilbe les suspected then your Lordship, but the translation serves for my security incase of my Lord Ruthvens death, so I hope your Lordship will lay it up carefully. I begg your pardon for this tedious letter, and shall remaine as becometh,

Your Lordships most affectionat obedient daughter and humble servant,

JEANE WEMYSS.

For the right honorable the Earle of Wemyss.

266. THE SAME to MR. WILLIAM DOUGLAS, [Advocate,] as to provision for
her son Archibald. Edinburgh, 8th November 1659.

Can[ongate], 8 November 1659.

SIR,—I doe admire after so much comuning and often upbreakings yow should send me a paper carieing in the bodie of it all alongs my name as tutrix to my sonn, and taking burden for him, and relating to ane agreement, as if I durst take on me to make ane agreement to his prejudice. Yow know, sir, that from the begining I told yow I wold not have any thing in write under my hand which might give my sonn a ground of quarell against me; I have much more reasone to say it now when others shallbe his tutors and not I. Therfor, if ther be any sincerity intended as to the ending of bussines with me, or that it be desyred I should shew my Lord Angus the favoure which I have offered for myself, yow and the rest who are intresed must rest satisfied with my subscriving the bond drawen up for me, marked with my own hand, having only the time of my keeping my children changed in it, I mean, a band drawen over word by word, as that band is with that only change in it of the children's years, and for assig[n]ing my Lady Alexander to the moneys she hes payet, and is to pay me, to make up my five thousand pound yearly. I am willing to assinge [assign] her to as much as I have gotten payet me, and gets suficient band for, so that her goodson be one of the cationers in the band I should have, which yow may make relate to ane agreement and condescendence made for myself, but for my sonn to take burden is a thing that I cannot without I wold ruine myself doe, only I shall discharge for ane hunder pound sterlinc yearly from the time of the first payment I got, and for what I shall now get I shall doe thee same, but more I cannot doe; yet to let yow see that I have no intension my sonn should plea with his brother for any more then what is provided to him by the letters obligators of his brother, uncle, and grandfather, I shalbe content to sing [sign] a declaration of the same nature the friends declaration is of (now when I am out of office), shewing my sonn that I think he should rest satisfied with thos conditions, but I will have up my former discharges, together with thos articls which were past from, and never yet performed, which my late instruments will free me of, if my Lady Alexander doe not end busines with me now. And as to the quiting my interset in the execcurty to the Lady Alexander, if I got satisfaction in all thee articls which I last gave yow, marked with my hand, I shall not stand to renunce to her without doing prejudice to my assigney, and I shall aprove (upon the conditions forsaid) of what

she hes confirmed, except in what relats to my first term's rent of my jointer, which she does me wrong in confirming of it, so that it is to much that I seek not ane assurance of her not to purswe me for it, therfor yow may be sure I will not be so mad as to aprove of a thing so much to my own hurt, and so very wnjust as I know that is; so, sir, if ther be any mind to agree with me upon the terms I heerin named, and which I told my Lord Selkirk and yow plainly anough of yeasterday, for I resolve not to be under the lash of my own child, nether will my Lord give his consent or aprobation to such a thing, if you have a minde to end with me as I have said, let it be done quickly, for I cannot stay in town longer then to-morrow morning. If yow take not this offer now (I mean my Lady Alexander and the rest), it will not be in my power to offer it yow heeraffter, for my Lord wold not be sorie that bussines brak up amongst us, because he thinks it to his prejudice; but I hope yow will endeavour a speedy settlement, which I will esteem (because of my respects to my Lord Angus family) as a favoure done unto

Your very reall friend to my power,

A cursive signature in black ink, reading "Jean Wemyss". The signature is fluid and written in a single continuous line.

You wold excuse the ill pening of this letter if yow knew the hart I doe it in.
For Mr. William Douglass—Thes.

267. WILLIAM [DOUGLAS], DUKE OF HAMILTON, to MR. WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
Advocate, requesting the loan of the Family Tree. 14th September [16]71.

Ham[ilton], 14 September '71.

CUSIN, I haue bid the bearer receive from yow the Tree of the famely of Douglas, which I desired you to send me the lend of, that I may give yow my observations of some things, I suppose, is wrong in it, by the short view I tooke of it at your house. And hereby I do bind and oblige my self to redeliver it to yow, or to any yow think fitt, vpon demand, on what penaltie you thinke fitt to put on it. If he judge it to big for him to carie at present, he shall call for it the next time

he comes in. This place affoords nothing worth your knowledge. What that place does, I shall expect from yow; and if yow will, this vacancie, adventar this far to devert your self, I shall send a couple horse for yow nixt weeke, and thank yow for the kindnes yow will put on,

Your affectionate cusin,

HAMILTON.

For Mr. William Douglas, Advocate.

268. WILLIAM, THIRD EARL OF LOTHIAN, to the EARL OF ROXBURGHE.

Newbattle, 20th March 1672.¹

MY NOBLE LORD,—I have hearde that the Marquis of Douglas is seeking by the way of the Privie Counsell a seate in the newe church of Jedburgh. It is not the ordinary way for matters of that nature. Seats and places in churches are ordered by the common consent of the heritors, and by the presbyteries and sessions; but I did never heare that att the first instance, and except there had beene ryott or contest towards the troubling of the publike peace, that any sutch matter was taken notice of by the Counsell. The Lord Marquis hath not mutch in property within the parish, nor any residence, and the Lintally would be but ane meane one for a person of his quality. It was never formerly but ane habitatione for chamberlanis, seldome of balias. The house of Fernherst for divers ages had the principall place in that church, by many prehemencies and priviledges, as the Ile which was halfe of the last church testifies; and the tounsmen and crafts sate by the tollerance of Fernherst; and the people, out of ane pannike feare, left the church. This newe church was allowed to be build by my sonne, whose property the ground was, being lord of the erection and lordship of Jedburgh: neither needed he to have done it, but have putt the heritors and toun to have repair'd the old church. He had in it designed his seate and the Lord of Jedburgh's. There are places designed for the Marquis Douglasses tennants of Swoony, Lintally, Standatone. These, with ane small roome in old Jedburgh, is all my Lord Marquis his interest in the parish, and I doe thinke his Lordship will not declare it to be of ane greate rent, for that would be my advantage, having the teands of these lands, which I have disponed to my sonne Charles. Your Lordship is apoynted by the Counsell to take notice of the Lord Marquis his desyre for his seate. I hope your Lordship will have regarde to the Lord

¹ Original in the Roxburgh Charter-chest at Floors.

Jedburgh's interest and my sonne's, that are your friends and kinsmen, that nothing of their concernment may be trenched vpon. It is by my sonne's condescendency that the church was builded vpon his propriety, and the rest of the parish have, in the dewe and ordinary maner, designed severall lofts and pewes: It will not lykely be once in seven yeare the Marquis will be in that church, and these that have the principlall interest and seats will esteeme themselves honored with his [Lordship's] person in their seats. I desyre your Lordship will consider this, and the Lord Jedburgh's and my sonnes particular interest in this matter, that they may not be concern'd in their honor and rights: wherin your Lordship will oblige them and, my Lord, your Lordship's most humble servant,

LOTHIAN.

Neubattle, the 20 March 1672.

The right honorable, the Earle of Roxburghe.

269. LADY JEAN WEMYSS, sometime Countess of Angus, now Countess of Sutherland, to JOHN, EARL OF ROTHES, Chancellor of Scotland.
Edinburgh, 25th November 1672.¹

Edinburgh, 25 November 1672.

MY LORD,—Since I am not able to waite on your Lordship at your own house, I am necessitate by my penn to give yow this trouble, hoping from your goodnes for a pardon. Till yeasterday I wold not credite the reports, though universall, that went of my father's resolveing to disinherite my sonn of his right to suceed him, failling of my sister and the airs of her bodie. But now the bussines being come above board, I must needs complaine myself to your Lordship (who is a persone of so much honour and ingenuity) of the hard usage that I and my poor Archibald meets with, who, if hee were either a fool or a proflogat persone, my Lord father wold haue some pretense in reasone for what he does; but since he is nether of thes, I apeale to your Lordships own judgment if hee bee not hardly dealt with, yea, in a way contrarie to the laws of God and man. But my adversarys will not rest satisfied with defrauding me and myne of the right of my father's inheritance, but must also alianat his fatherly affection from me, as your Lordship will find by the inclosd, to which I have writt this returne, beseeching your Lordship to peruse it, that yow may see how farr I am from giving my Lord any just cause of displeasour, only I tell him some sad truths. If

¹ Original at Wemyss Castle.

your Lordship find myne faulty, condem it to the fyre ; and if not, honour me with its convoyeance in your Lordship's first packet to my father. If I did not believe your Lordships inclination wold lead yow to be a protectur of injur'd innocence, I should not have presumed to give your Lordship this trouble ; but the experience I have had of your noble deportment in my greatest concerns, makes mee confident of your Lordships favour in so just a cause, for I shall ever ambition the honour to bee esteemed, my Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble servant,

JEANE WEMYSS.

For the Earle of Rothes, Lord Chanclor of Scotland—Thes.

270. ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS, EARL OF FORFAR, to DAVID, SECOND EARL OF WEMYSS, his grandfather, as to his place in the latter's succession.
Edinburgh, 5th December 1672.¹

Edinburgh, December 5, 1672.

MY LORD,—I am so troubled at the report of your Lordships displesure against my mother for a supposed fault, that I finde myself obliged to vindicat her, by giving your Lordship a trew accouete of the matter ; for it was indeed some of my fathers relations who were amazed with the reports in town of your Lordship having preferred a stranger next to my aunt and the heirs of her bodie, and had wholly secluded me from having any place in the entailment of your estate, which induced them to appoint a lawyer to seek up that paper to see, as is usuall in like cases ; but, for my part, my Lord, I rather it had never been done, before your Lordship had been so offended, and I had seen my mother suffer so much upon that account ; for, if the Lord give me grace to walk in his ways, he has provided for me a competancie in this world ; yea, I know, all that my mother was requesting of your Lordship was only a testimonie of your kyndnes, to have the heirs of her bodie brought in the entailment after Lady Margaret and her heirs, and that with a speciall regarde to your familly and name, which is so usuall a kyndnes from a father to a daughter, that your Lordship ordering it otherwise makes the world talk strange things both of your Lordship and us, which is the main thing weighs with me ; so that I am resolved (God willing) to follow the practice of my predecessors, and seek my fortune in a foraine land, before I bee

¹ Original at Wemyss Castle.

ane eye witnes to such an affront at home ; for that estate my father provided to me will, by the blissing of God, make me live lyke a gentleman any where, yet it cannot secure me in Scotland from beeing lookt upon as a slighted person, if your Lordship continue your signature as it is now formed. So, my Lord, if yow would not have me be a stranger in my native land, put me, I beseech yow, in the next place to my aunt and the heirs of her bodie ; not but that I think, if God bless my Lady Margaret a few years, I hope he will make her a mother of so many brave sonns and daughters as will make that I request for but a complement of kyndnes. Yet even that is to me of great value, because it bears, in the bosome of it, a mark of your Lordships favour, and so will give me a confidence to set up my rest at home amongst my freinds, after I have viewed the world a little. And believe it, my Lord, ther is non who shall succeed yow in your fortune, that can honour yow with a more profound respect than he who is, my Lord,

Your Lordships most affectionat, humble, and obedient servant,

For the Earle of Wemyss.

271. LADY MARGARET DOUGLAS, sister of the second Marquis of Douglas, and wife of Alexander, Viscount of Kingston, to the LAIRD OF BLACKWOOD, remonstrating as to family affairs. Inch, 24th July 1674.

SIR,—I am amazed to hear and see, that yow who professes yourselfe to be a serious Christian, who's deutie is to doe justlie towards man and to walk holily with God, dare take on yow to counsell my Lord Marques, who is of a sweet disposition, to take such unjust courses and wayes as are sinfull befor God and dishonourable befor men, as the summonds yow have caused him raise befor the Counsell evidenses, in quwhich yow have not been afraid to publish in wryt most abominable untruths, calling my mother's jointour near as much again as it is, and most shameslie seeking to take from her that quwhich she hes as good securitie for as the laus of the land can give, and quwhich the Marques himselfe is bound to mantain her in, both as he is aire to his ffather, and as he hes ratyfied her rights long after he was major ; how then can yow think that he who hes gotten

great sowmes by being his ffather's aire, and considerable yearlie rent besyd, can shun to fulfill his fathers obleishments? I hop ther is and will be still more justice in the natione then to violat the standing laus therof to favour such unjust endevours, for it is weill knoun that my Lord Marques entred heir to his father, and gott in great soumes of mone by it, long or he ratyfyed my mother and brothers rights, so that it was not as yow caus lybell that he entred aire onlie to secure and satisfie them, for whom he did nothing but what he was singularlie obleidged to doe, both by lau and by the favours and good deids my mother did for him, in her oun interest and my brothers, which maks his present persuite appear with as much ungratitud as unjustice, and I am heartilie greived that anie thing should be ouned by the Marques that caryes in it a clear acusation of so worthie a father, as if he had been a cheat and deceiver of the world, but (God be thanked) that all that knew him will confesse that he was ane excellent man, who did justlie, loved mercy, and walked humblie with his God. O how happie uere all of us that's com of him, if uee uere lyke him, and what a sin is it to bear false witnes against such a man when he is gone, and to cast dirt upon his memorie to cause it stinck amongst men; but I trust it shall not be in your pouer to afecit it, sinc his just and upright dealing is yet recent in the memories of all good men. And for that clause in his first contract of mariadge, it was never heard of by anie dureing all the dayes of his lifetime, but was started by som for the Marques entrest, thinking to boast my mother (who was then young and unexperienced) to abait of her oun rights and our provisions; but God helped her out of that snare by the vise counsell of her ffreinds and lauiers, who told her that such a clause without ane irritancie, and noe inhibition served on it, befor her mariadge, could never hinder her lord to provyd her and her childein to provisions suitable to the portione she brought alongs with her, and if it had caryed anie force with it, the lait Marques of Douglas letter to the Earle of Weyms did clearlie obviate that, and his presence at the mariadge did also witnes his consent, by all quwhich my dear father is vindicated from such unjust aspersions, and my mothers contract is fortyfied. And why doe yow cause lybell the Marques to have gott ane hundredre thousand pound of debt from his grandfather with his estait, quhairas it shall be made out that fourtie three thousand merks of that debt did onlie com on him with the estait, the rest was payed by my dear father in his oun lifetime, and for the hundredre thousand merks yow say his father left on him, ther was non of that could be called properlie his debt, but the ten thousand pound he apoynted for me, and fyve thousand merks that he ouned John Wheat in the Cannongate;

the rest was all cautionrie that he fell in for the Earle of Abercorn, whose lady was grandmother to this Marques, and was the enducer of my lord to enter in that cautionrie, the most pairt of which he might have gott his releife of, if he had not taken far lesse from som of the co-cautioners then was his dew, and dischraiged others of great soumes they should have payed him, as yow weill know who caused him give that dischraig, and are not ashamed to say that he ran in ane other hundreth thousand merks of debt for soumes he contracted to pay my mother thes soumes ran on to her, and the aliment she got for my brother, quhairas all that ran on to her was but tuelve thousand and fyve hundreth merks, fyve thousand of quwhich lyes in the Marques' hand till this day, and three thousand merks was all the aliment was payed for my brother befor his grandfather's death, for she alimented him herselfe the gretest pairt of that time, when she was put to noe small chaire with him, for the cure of the gravel; what aliment was payed after was out of his oun lands of Bothuell, so the hundreth thousand merks you speak of shall be found not to exceed sixteen thousand. But as yow multiply the debts much above quhat they trulie are, so yow tell nothing of the great soumes he hes gotten by his father, quwhich, if they had been ueill manadged, myght have payed all the debt whiche he gott aither by ffather or grandfather. Yow also deny the Marques estate to be what it trulie is, for it is weill knoun to be more then tuentie thousand pounds a year, besyds the lands provyded to my brother and what my mother liferents, and your malice does further appear in alledging that my mother hindered my brother to agree with the Marques, quhairas I and manie others uere witnesses to the pains she took on him to move him to it, and the proposals quwhich she gave yow will witnes the truth of this, so that when with much dificultie she had brought him that lenth, yow marred it yourselvs by the unreasonable demands and threats yow gave him, at least caused be given him in my Lord Dundonald his chamber, by quwhich yow putt him in such a raige and passion as I never saw him in the lyk, for he acused his mother as having been more favourable to the Marques then to him, becaus she had not put the law in execution for the byrun rents dew to him, and yow are much mistaken if yow think my brother so simple a persone as to be persuaded by his mother, or anie other person living, to that quwhich he thinks his oun prejudice. Yow may remember how freelie he spok in that mater to my Lord Marques when my lady would fain have had him forbear. It was the last time (save once) that yow cam with the Marques to speake with them in that affair, and I beseech yow consider what the end of those things will be to yourselfe, for yow have putt disensione among

near freinds by lyes and unjust designs, and quhatever evill shall befall my brother abroad, yow have a hand in it, and most answer befor God for it. Consider quhat the wise man sayes to yow, and repent in time, and forsake the evill of your doeings, that yow may not doe that quhich the Lord hates : Prov. ch. 6 v. 19, and Pro. ch. 11 v. 21, Pro. ch. 17 v. 13, Pro. 24 ch. v. 15, 16. I have cited thes scriptures wishing yow may lay them to heart, and if yow doe not they shall be a witnes against yow on day, and it shall serve for ane exhortation of her, who, if yow repented, would still be willing to appear as your freind and servant,

MARGARET DOUGLASS.

Inch, the 24 of July 1674.

For the Laird of Bleckwood, elder—These.

272. JAMES, SECOND MARQUESS OF DOUGLAS, to his Factor, the LAIRD OF BLACKWOOD, giving orders for certain dress, etc. Douglas, 3d July 1676.

Douglas, 3 July 1676.

SIR,—I receaved yours. I desire ye may send out with the carier the cloth should a gone to the Lintalie. The reason I send for it is, I thinke it much better then the sad coloured cloth, and fitter to hing in the hall of Douglas then the other, seeing ther is as much of it as will hing the hall, and ther shall be as much of the sad coloured cloth sent to Edinburgh to that which is ther allready, or to the Lintalie at nearest, that will suplie the want of the other. My Lord Mar's brother George is dead of a fever. My lady hear is somthing unwell ; she sayes herselfe that she is verie sicke. Wither it be so or not I doe not know. However, she sent Mr. Androw to me to desire me that I might take of mo[u]rning for her. I desired Mr. Androw to tell her from me that I did allready take of mourning for her, but I would doe so no more. She is in a great anger at this, and sayes that I will neither be in mourning myselfe nor take of for her. I thinke it necessar that ye cause William Douglas, the taillor, take me of a plan suite of blake, and line the coat well with good searge. He may make the breaches strait, and cause him get a pair of wyde headed blacke worset stockings. I am verie sorrie for the younge mans death ; he was a verie hopefull gentleman. This all at present, but rests, sir,

Your most affectionatt friend,

DOUGLAS.

Sir, I desire ye may send so many gilded leather skins as ye thinke will mount the hingings of the hall. I am ashamed of the hingings that is in it just now, for

they are both worne and torne ; therfore cause send out the gilded leather as soon as possible ye can. Be pleased to desire your lady to buy a couple of white tafati hoods to my sister. Let these present my service to your lady. Send the hoods out with the footman, with my blacke cloths. I have sent in a grawat ; be pleased to cause take of four or five plan grawats for mourning. I ordered Tomas Pait to write to your lady the faschion I would [have] them, and the name of the cloth ; they called it mussiline ; it is only proper for mourning. Pray make my excuse your selfe to your lady and daughters for puting them still to trouble. I expect to see yow this weeke, if my bussines doe not hinder yow. Sende me out news, if ther be any.

For the Lairde of Blackwoode, elder.

273. LADY BARBARA [ERSKINE], MARCHIONESS OF DOUGLAS, to her husband, JAMES, SECOND MARQUESS OF DOUGLAS. Edinburgh, December 1676.

Edinburgh, Desember [16]76.

MY DEARESTT HARTT,—The severall latters which I formerly wrot to yow by ane express withoutt any returne, might heaw discouraged me from sending this, butt thatt I am resolved to omitt nothing of the dutty and obediance I ow yow, however my applicationss be entertained. It is in your power, my dear Lord, to make me happie or miserabell, if yow affoord me thatt kyndness of sosity and converss which som tyme yow honoured me with, to begg with yow (if God so ordered itt) wold be no trubell to me, and to denay me your favor and countinance, is enough to embiter to me the gretest earthly injoyments I can proposse to my salfe, and since in sinceritity it is this on my pairtt, thatt it is nott so on yours is my greatt misfortone. If I heaw offended yow in word or deed, I am readie, in the mostt humbl and submiss manier yow can prescryve, to crave pardone. I am nott such a stranger to my self to pretend to the exactness of obediance and dewty that my houmer or frowardness may not heaw offended yow, and all I can say is that hearafter I shall so studie yours, and what may pless yow, that I shall endeavor a conformity to your good will so nier as I can. This only I most complein of, that yow shuld retain those in your service or company who takcs the liberty of talking so much to the preijudice of your honour and myn. Sure I am I never give the lefft occastione for it, nather doe I think, my dear, that you really belive itt. If religione and vertue war nott tays strong enough, sence of

your honour and myn oun, and of that nobell familly of yours and our posteraty, could nott butt prevell againstst such base thoughts, and God, who knows my hartt, knows my inosance, and the melless of thoss who wounds ws boath by such base callumnies ; and as God is just and trew, so they ar wiked layers, and they will appear in ther ounе coulers when he is mercifully pleased to compassionat my humiliaty and tears wnder this reproach. But as I blush to think of itt, so wold this peper allso if it war capabell, and I forbear to enlarge on this wnplesant subiect, leauing itt to God and your justis and goodness to clear itt. And now, my dearestt, I most besech you seoursly to reflect upon my deplorabl conditione ; if I retourne without assurance of that resp[e]ktt which I most say my fathfullness and obedience may justly challance, its but a hell wpon earth dayllie to observe my misery in your countinane when yow cannott looke upone me but with aversion, if nott contempt, and to think of absance from yow and our dear chyld is a terror nixt unto death. As I formerlly said, my dear hartt, its in your pour and yours only to extricatt me from thesse deficulties ; say but the word that yow will admitt me to thatt degrie of loue and resp[e]ktt that once I was happy in. Yow heaw to much honour to brek your word, and I too much loue to yow to doubtt itt, and refresh me with som kynd returne at this tym. If you do nott, it shall nott be in the pouur of melless it selfe to break off my honour and respekt for yow, but how far friends and nesesity may make me passive in complents, wherof I hate the thoughts or rememberance, if your goodness preventt it nott, I cannott say. Butt this I may, thatt misery and such complents ar boath ane equall choyse in my apprehensione. Almighty God (my dear) derecktt ws boath how to cary at this tym. I will with patience waitte your good pleasure, and ever continow, my dearest hartt, your most fathfull, affectionatt, and obedient,

B. DOUGLAS.

I give my blessing to our dear Jeamy.

For my Lord Marquess of Douglass.

274. BARBARA, MARCHIONESS OF DOUGLAS, to the LAIRD OF BLACKWOOD,
that she will receive him. Douglas, 21st March 1681.

Douglas, 21 Mareth 1681.

SIR,—I receaued your later, and shall be glad to sie yow hear this wike, as yow promiss, ells I most be gon er yow com. Blekwood, by the bearer I intrett yow

will send me as much black morallay tabie as will be a piticott, and thrie ells of holland, aboutt fortie shillen the ell. Ther being the last things that ever I will sike from yow in my lyf, I think ye will nott refus them, which is all at presant from

Your very trew friend,

A large, flowing cursive signature in black ink. It appears to begin with a 'J' or 'D' followed by 'Marquess'. The script is fluid and somewhat stylized.

For the Laird of Blekwood, elder.

275. JAMES, MARQUESS OF DOUGLAS, to THE SAME, as to purchase of a new carriage, etc. Edinburgh, 12th April 1687.

Edinburgh, 12 April 1687.

SIR,—I receaved yours. I have sent yow enclosed with this bearer two letters from Abernethie. My young coach-horse, who was as well on Sondays night as any horse could be, fell sickie. James Weir tooke of the houks of him, and he was well enouegh after, so the coachman took him out to lead him up and dounie in his hand, and he drop just dounie dead in his hand, as he had been thounder shut. He sent for the Quaker Bartie after, and they opened him. Everie bodie says hear he hes been witched. I have ordered James Weir and Brodie to see if they can get any ordiner coach horse hear to buy; for me to make use of ane hackney it will be dear. Let me hear from yow by Fleming your opinion of it, and what ye think will be done for coach-horses against my sons coming dounie, for yow know it is both exspensive and verie unhandsom to goe in a hackney coach. Let me know allso wither yow will write to Mr. Abernethie for to buy a coach at London or not. You know a second hand coach will not be dear; I beleave yow may get a good second hand coach for 30 or 40 pound sterlyng. Let me know your opinion of it, for if I intend to have on, it will be fitt to doe it befor Mr. Abernethie come from London. I have no reason that makes me write for ane other coach but only this, that I fear on coach will not serve my son and me both,

and yow know it will not be handsom to have a hackeney coach. Let me know your opinion of it, for ye know it is better to doe it in time, if it be fitt, as delay it and doe it after. Let me hear from yow and of your opinion of what I [have] written to yow. I am,

Your most affectionatt friend,

DOUGLAS.

For the Laird of Blackwood.

276. THE SAME to THE SAME, wanting dogs for coursing.
Edinburgh, 26th April 1687.

Edinburgh, Aprile 26, 1687.

SIR,—I receaved all my letters, but yow desire me to lay up my sons letter to yow, which yow have not sent. I have sent yow backe again Mr. Abernethies letter of the 14, which yow need not have sent me. I receaved two letters from London on Mondays night, which I have sent yow inclosed ; I shall deliver my Lord Tarbats letter. Let me hear from yow with every occasion. I expect letters from my Lord Dumbarton with everie post. I have sent the grey bitch with Fleming ; I desire yow may give her again to Geortoun, and cause him have a good care of her ; she is big with whelps. If ther be a good greyhound in the countrey, send him in, for thir dogs hear hes neither speed nor wind. I assure yow of it, they are beat shamefully ; a little dun dog of Macknabis beat them shamfully. I am, sir,

Your most affectionatt friend,

DOUGLAS.

I have sent my coachman Brodie home. I have written to William Somervell for his dog ; I shall cause have a good care of him. Send in Earlesmills dog, if he be free of mange, or any other dog, with Fleming, that is worth. Let me hear from yow this week again. My Lord Bugchan and I will hunt the nixt weeke ; send in either on or two dogs with Fleming, and I shall send yow out the worst again. I have write to Mr. Abernethie with this post. If yow please to write to my son or Mr. Abernethie, I shall send it away with the post. My son resolves to give yow a token of his kindnesse, as both he and I hes reason to doe.

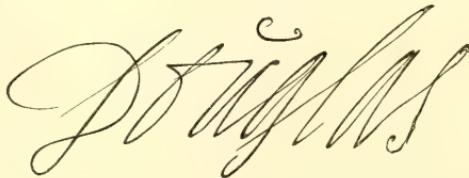
For the Lairde of Blackwood.

277. THE SAME to THE SAME, as to Lord Dumbarton's family, and acknowledging receipt of dogs sent. Edinburgh, 2d May 1687.

Edinburgh, Maii 2, 1687.

SIR,—I write to Mr. Abernethie with the last post, and inclosed your letters within mine. I have receaved a letter from Mr. Abernethie, which I sent yow inclosed. You may perceave by it that the Earle of Dumbarton hes spoken to the King and Mellfort, and they are at lenth satisfied with my just desire. The Earle of Dumbarton excuses himself in not writing to me, because of his extraordinary bussines he had the last weeke. I will excuse him with all my heart, for it is a great bussines for him to have a son and air, as Mr. Abernethie says in his letter, for his son's title is Lord Ettrick. I doe believe he hes nothing more in Ettrick than he hes in Dumbarton, but only the title. I am glad he hes got ane air, upon Duke Hamilton's account, for it would have made the Duke too rich to have been my Lord Dumbarton's air. I have receaved Will. Somervell's dog and the Maidengill bitch. They are somthing beat in ther coming hear, but I shall cause have a good care of them, for my two that I have hear they are in better condition then when they come hear; for Gosip, he is now free of the mange, which he had verie ill when he came hear first; and for the other, he is in much better case then he was; and for beating, as you write in your letter, they are both verie far from that, for they were never so sound in ther feet as they are at present. The Earle of Buchan and I resolves to hunt on Wedensday; wee shall see if the falconer's dun dog will beat them or not; he is really a verie good little dog. I am sure if yow have write in your letter about dogs and bitches, I have not failed to write sufficiently in mine, to be equall with yow. I wish wee had no more to be concerned for them hunting, wee should live at a great deale of more ease then wee doe. I shall say no more at present, but shall ever continow, sir,

Your most affectionatt friend,

A large, flowing cursive signature in black ink, appearing to read "WILLIAM SOMERVELL". The signature is written in a single continuous line with various loops and flourishes.

I expect letters from Abernethie and from the Earle of Dumbarton on Tuesday or Thursday at furdest ; if you please to send in ane exspresse I shall send them out to yow, or if yow have any sure bearer coming hear.

For the Lairde of Blackwood.

278. THE SAME to THE SAME, that he has bought a new horse.

Edinburgh, 9th May 1687.

Edinburgh, Maii 9, 1687.

SIR,—Haveing this occasion with Mr. Patrick Shiells, I desire yow to send in John Brodie, my coachman, for I have bought a coach horse which will fitt exactly the horse that is in Douglas ; he is but five year old at this grass, exactly of the collour. As for his price, I will not tell yow, but if I will sell him again, I may have 4 pound sterlyng of winning. I thinke the horse couper trade verie good, if wee get so good bargains. As for his height, he is two inches higher than the horse that is dead. I thought him so good a bargain that I got the monie from Robert Murey to pay him. If he will not goe in a coach, as I doe not question, I can get four pound sterlyng more for him when I please. I will not trouble yow more with horse discourse, but send in John Brodie upon any little pounie to Edinburgh, for he will be most carfull of him. Let me hear from yow. I am, sir,

Your affectionatt friend,

DOUGLAS.

For the Lairde of Blackwood.

279. JAMES, EARL OF ANGUS, son of the second Marquess, to THE SAME,
that he is going to Tunbridge.

London, August 7, [16]88.

SIR,—I received yours, dated 26 July, which I was very glad off to hear that my Lord Marquess was well pleased with what I had done as concerning my governour. I hope yow will now send up the gentleman yow spoke off, to be here against I come from Tunbridge. I beleive I shall goe Wednesday or Thursday next week, and I must drink the purging waters three days before I goe. Your letters that you write when I am there, send them as yow used to doe, and he that keeps the black box will take care to send them to me, for I shall give him notice what

place I stay at there. I have not time to write to my Lord Marquess at this time, but shall, both to him and yow, by the next post. I have sent yow a letter from Sir William Douglas inclosed, whose advice I take in every thing I doe. My Lord Mordingtoun was to see me to-day, and give his service both to my father and yow. I am, sir,

Your truly affectionate friend and servant,

A large, flowing handwritten signature in black ink. It appears to begin with a 'J' or 'I' and ends with a 'G'. The script is cursive and expressive, with several loops and flourishes.

280. THE SAME to THE SAME, as to his new Tutor. London, 12th August
1688.

London, 12 August [16]88.

SIR,—Ever since that which I have sent yow of the 7th, the black box has gone away at Windsor, so that I could not send any till this night. I receiv'd two letters last night from yow, one dated the 2d, the other the 7th instant. I shall show my Lord Dumbarton how yow delivered all his letters. Yow write that yow have answered all my letters, but I am afraid then that they are kept up, the Court being at Windsor; for except this, and that which was dated the 26 July, I have not received a letter from yow above these three weeks, nor any from my father, except that wherein Captain Kerr's letter was inclosed, wherin he promis'd to write by the 1st post. I am very glad that my father has pitch'd upon Mr. Dickson, for I have ane esteeme for him, and every body that knows him, gives a very good character of him. As to that which yow speake of Duke Hamilton's letter that he sent me, it was relating only to Mr. Ogilvie, whom he said he had heard from Scotland to be ane unfitt man for my governour, and desir'd me not to think of it any more, nor keep company with him, because he was not such a man as I took him for; to which I answered that he might be sure that as long as he was in the countrey, I would not proceed in it without his advice, neither did I think any more upon it, since my father had also told me that he had

pitch'd upon another, and that I was very much oblig'd to his grace for his care of me, and when I had the honour to see him at Tunbridge, I should give him a more particular account of whom my father pitch'd upon, and that I should bring him to wait on his Grace at London. I shall goe to Tunbridge on Thursday, and take Mr. Barclay with me, since Sir William Douglas could not goe. I have been two or three times to see my aunt, my Lady Portland, at her countrey house at Chelsey. I have sent your letter to Mr. Shewell. I am,

Your most affectionate friend and humble servant,
ANGUS.

281. THE SAME to THE SAME, urging the necessity of his going abroad.

London, 26th December 1689.

London, 26th December 1689.

SIR,—I have wrote to my father fully about my going abroad next spring, which I suppose he will shew yow. I assure yow all my friends here are very fully satisfyd that it will be much for my advantage more then any thing I can doe, and I do not doubt but both my Lord and yow will be of the same opinion, for its impossible I can expect to settle myselfe here now any way ; and as I know by experience the way I live here, with only one servant, and making no great appearance, as in my cloathes and the like, has been a hindrance hitherto to that, both the time Sir William Douglas was here and since. So I am sure it will be much more probable to expect a match after I have been abroad a year or two, where I am certain I can live cheaper then I could doe here after this considerablie, and that I come to know the world a little more, and be known. If, when I come home, my father can allow me two or three hundred pound to make a figure with here for some few months, I say it is much likelier I shall get a fortune that way then by living here privately as I do now, by which people take notice of the lowness of the family, and think it to be worse then it really is. Sir, as I have always found yow to be very much my friend in every thing that concerned me, so I shall intreat yow would interceed with me upon this with my father, as the greatest favour yow can doe me ; tho' I am perswaded that since the thing is so raisonnable, and that there's so many arguments for it, which appear to me to be so strong that he will not deny it me, especially since he is not thought scarce a gentleman that wants that part of education. My Lord Anandale and Skelmurie are parted this day in coach, and my Lord Ross went post on Monday last. I

shall not trouble yow any further at present, but only desire to hear from yow after yow have received this. I am, sir,

Your most affectionate friend and humble servant,

ANGUS.

For the Laird of Blackwood.

282. LADY JANE MACKENZIE, Countess of John, fourth Earl of Mar, to JAMES, SECOND MARQUESS OF DOUGLAS, relative to the funeral expenses of the Marchioness of Douglas her daughter. 18th August 1690.

MY LORD, yovr commands war obeyed; for itt was a nightt bryall, and svtabell to hir qualtie, and I hovp cannott be thoughtt deir, whan it comes only to a thovsand thritie aughtt povnd, ten shillin Scotts. This, with what was dew to hir befor hir death of the localtie yovr Lordship aloved on yovr lady, I expeck yow will order the presant payment, sinc it is ivstt; and, being the mother of yovr familie, I hovp yow will nott svfer her nam to be hard by thos she is oving monie too. It shall also be against my will if anie mistaks be betwixt yow and me for all the wnykndness my daughter meett with att hir lastt. I pray God to bless the only pleg she hes left behind hir, that he may be as happie as hir lyf was wnfortvnatt. I beeg to knov whar and how he is. I am, my Lord,

Yovr most affectionatt mother and hvmbill servant,

JANE MACKENZIE.

Mvchall, 18th Avgyst 1690.

Aftter all the fynerall ar payed, if yovr Lordship desir itt, yow shall have a particvlar accovntt. Mr. Mackell refers him self to yovr Lordship, being yovr apoticarie befor.

For the right honerable the Marqyss of Dowglass.

283. MARY KER, second wife of James, second Marquess of Douglas, to the LAIRD OF BLACKWOOD, as to her husband's affairs. Douglas, 29th November 1695.

Douglass, November the 29, [16]95.

SIR,—I see a letter of yours to my lord, which gives me very mellencolly thoughts of the condition of my lord's fortoun, and that which meks it stik the more with

me, that I fynd so much of the difculty that my lord's afairs heth run into luged upon the acounts of this tow years bygon or therby, I wish you had condesended on eney of the onwiser particulers in thes acounts that they might heue bene helpt for the fewtar, for I'm confident my lord, wher he may be particularly consernd in them, will, as I wher I have been att eney needles expence, very reddy to help it afterwards; butt in the ginerill, I shell be well please, as I'm shoor my lord will, to tak your adviys in the retrinching our familly from the very stabill to the hall, and both within and withoutt doors, to such a number and such fies as might extremly lessen evry expence; butt after all it will be a soor metter if still acounts and anwelrents shall swell to principell sounes, which, if I understand it right, they heue done so for thes meney years past, notwithstanding of the seall both of my lords proper lands and superioritys, and other considerabell caswallitys, which fell in the tym, and yett the deetts upon bonds and infektments to be by much more now then they wer twenty feyue years agoe, which woud appear very streng to thos who doth nott inqueyr into the particulers to fynd my lords eastatt grow still wors, and no man the better of it, yett this is not that I doutt in the least but you can make your acounts since your intermission appear clearly how my lords eastatt heath rune into thes defculty. I confess nether my peartts nor edwcation qwalifiys me to understand how acounts may be med up, and it might be I would heue sad thoughts of them when I considerd the eastatt of my lords afairs in the bullk, if I did nott trust more in your integrity in the discherging of the inteyr trust you heue, both as a good morall and relligius man, then I woud do in bundills of acountts; and it is from that confidans I heue in you that you shell ever fynd me reddy to take your addvys, and to be, sir,

Your reall frend and most humble servant,

A large, flowing cursive signature in black ink, reading "M. Douglas". The signature is written in a single continuous line with elegant loops and flourishes.

This was writt befor I gott yours, butt you hear sie my mynd as to the following of evry good propositons you can giue when I gett an acount of them.

For the Laird of Blackwood, att Edinburgh.

284. JAMES, SECOND MARQUESS OF DOUGLAS, to the LAIRD OF BLACKWOOD,
desiring to know the progress of his affairs. Douglas, 22d December
1698.

Douglas, 22 December 1698.

SIR,—Be pleased to let me know by a line from yow with my footman how my bussinese goes at Edinburgh. I doe still thinke that yow are my friend, whatever ill people doe say to the contrair, and I doe assure yow I shall allways be extreamly pleased to have your good advice. I doe desire it of yow; I am confident that yow will not refuse me, since I doe desire it so ernestly. Send me out all the news, with the assurance of your good health, which I wish with all my heart to continow. Adieu to yow, dear Blackwood. I shall ever continow,

Your most faithfull friend while I live,

DOUGLAS.

I have given the footman half a doller; I desire yow to buy me the best red wax for closing of my letters. Forgive this trouble.

285. THE SAME to THE SAME, as to his testament and deed of entail.

Douglas, February 1699.

Douglas, February 1699.

SIR,—I received yours of the 19th of the last month, and I understand there are not wanting some who endeavour *per fas et nefas* to misrepresent you to my friends and me both, but I wish they may be also prooфе against the same as I now am, altho' a little too late. Yet I am hopefull a little time will make them (also well as it has done me) see the crafty self seeking design of these who calumniat you, whose perfidious treachery shall never be forgett, seeing it was under trust. And after this I shall looke upon every information by such, given against yow, as more malicious then true. And I doubt nothing but you are able to acquite your self of all the aspersions they have or can cast upon you, as I find you have sufficiently done in that affair of Sir Alexander Bruces, in which I am inform'd there were too much huffiness (yea, to the hight of ill manners) shounen by some whose actings doe not nor shall have thanks from me. But after all I have said, I must tell you that you did not behave like that man I tooke you to be in so far as you gave up my testament to any person, be who he will, without

my speciall liberty and consent had thereto. Therefor on sight hereof call for it and send it to me, or if you gett it nott, send ane anser speedily, that I may know what to doe; for now I have learn'd whom to trust and whom not, and who deceivs any once, it may be expected they will deceive all, and ever, which I fear be to true. I am, sir,

Your most affectionat friend,

DOUGLAS.

SIR,—Notwithstanding of what I have written to you about my testament sending to me, yet you may only send the double of it, for I understand that there are severalls nam'd there who are not, nor will be friends, either to you or me, whereby I think there will be an absolut necessity for a new nomination of three or four trustie friends. Therefor I desire you to take any advice you please, both as to whom I shall nominat for tutors dureing the pupillarity and how I shall leave the tailzie and settlement of my estate, and send me out a draught of both as you will oblige me, for I have more trust to putt in you then in many of the new commissioners, and let all this be done under great secresy, and believe that I will doe any thing to be even with these who does not only make it their business to disgrace me, but who have already done it, and would influence and encourage others so to doe. A clear specimen is this, that these will never respect me who doe not encourage these who I love and has kyndness for. Sir, beleive what I have said, and also that I have and will continue,

Your most affectionat and assured friend,

DOUGLAS.

Let non see this but your self only.

286. JAMES, SECOND MARQUESS OF DOUGLAS, to JAMES, SECOND DUKE OF QUEENSBERRY, objecting to a certain person as factor. Douglas,
26th May 1699.

Douglas, 26 May 1699.

MY DEAR LORD,—I put your grace in mynd hou when I quarrell'd Samuell Douglas's commission, at first granted by you and my other friends therin nam'd, and therafter signed by me, that it was with the greatest reluctancy under heaven I granted it, and at which time your grace and Annandale perceiv'd it, and then promised if I woulde comply with the commission as it then uas sign'd, Samuel

should stay no longer in that place then Whitsonday then next to come, all which upon your promise and desire only (in whom I haue much confidence) I complayed so far. But nou when that time is past, and no appearance of his being turn'd out, but on the contrary this day held a head court, and hes decern'd my tennents to pay their Whitsunday rent to him, all which I resolve to be no longer silent at. But befor I did any thing, I thought fitt to acquaint your grace that I will take such measurs as there shall non be either baillie or chamberland of Douglas but such as shall please me, and whom I name, and who will doe nothing that may reflect on my honour or be prejudicall to these who are my honest dependants and servants. This I thought fitt to show your grace as being a person of intire trust to me, and one who I expect will suffer nothing to be done that is dishonourable to me. I'le say no more at this time till I hear from you, for I hope to see you shortly either in Edinburgh or in the country. I am, my dear Lord,

Your graces most affectionat cousin and most humble servant,

DOUGLAS.

For the Duke of Queensberrie.

287. ROBINA [LOCKHART], Countess Dowager of Forfar, to ANDREW FLETCHER,
Lord Justice-Clerk. 20th November 1732.¹

MY LORD,—As I doubt not but we both agree in deploring the death of good Principle Hamilton, and that theirs a distingwishing regard due to his memory, I hope your Lordship wont take it amiss if I with great earnestness offer to your favourable consideration a nephew of his, bred under his direction, he being younger brother to the Laird of Airdery, a gentleman of a considerable fortune formerly, and not small at present, which fell to Mr. Hamilton, the minister of Bothwell, by the death of an elder brother. All I pretend to interceed for is his being preffer'd to the chaplenary fallen by his uncle's death, he being a man of a good deall of entrest and much folowed in this country, has on or more votes in elections of parliament, besydes a good deal to say amongst smaller voters. The meritt of being bred up at Gamallies feet inspyr'd with the same principles of moderation, loyalty, and affection to the present establishment, I shou'd think enough to speak for him who has too much modesty to speak for himselfe, els I shou'd not have had this occasion of troubling your Lordship, who, I expect will

¹ Original in Salton Charter-chest.

at least either let me kno if you aprove or disapprove of my proposall. True, if not pre-engadged, its in Lord Milltons power to doe this. What I've toll'd is truth, and truth you may depend on; and if you think it reasonable, I shall be glad, and promise you as a reward he shan't spoill your dinner by too long a sermon when you honour Bothwell Kirk with your presence, and her who is with the greatest respect and esteem that's possible, my Lord, your Lordship's faithfull friend, most humble and obedient servant,

R. FORFAR.

Bothwell Castle, the 20th of November 1732.

I beg you'l make my compliments to Lady Milton acceptable, with my best wishes to your Lordship, her selfe, and your young familly.

Tho' I don't arrogat to my self any influence with regard to my solicitation in Mr. Bogle's favour, yett I thank you as sincerely as if you had done it for my selfe, and am sure he'l be no less faithfull then capable and gratefull; but am affray'd you have forgott poor Charles Maithland, who you may no less surely depend on if you'l make him your own by some mark of your favour.

288. JAMES, SECOND DUKE OF ATHOLE, to the DUKE OF DOUGLAS.

Circa 1745.

MY LORD DUKE,—These unhappy trubles haveing begun soon after I had the honour of your grace's last letter, I had no opportunity of acknowledging it. I have just now seen a letter from your grace to Mr. Archibald Stuart, and am extreamly concerned to know by it that your grace has suffred so much by insults of the rebels, and the more particularly that anybody of my family has been so instrumentall in thes outrages, his disloyalty and ingratitude to the King, the part he has acted by me, and now, to crown all, his tratement of your grace must render him odious to every body. His crimes has affected me extreamly, and I beg his bad behaviour may not make me forfit the friendship that I shall allways endeavour to cultivat with your grace. I came here from London late last night, and this morning about three his Royal Highness the Duke arived. I hope his conduct and presence will soon put an end to this unnaturall rebellion. I take this opportunity to wish your grace all health and hapiness, and to assure [you] that I shall allways be with the greatest attachment, my Lord Duke,

Your grace's most faithfull, most obedient, most humble servant,

ATHOLL.

V.—FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE OF
WILLIAM, ELEVENTH EARL OF ANGUS.

289. COUNT MARC ANTONIO D'AGAZANO to WILLIAM, ELEVENTH EARL OF ANGUS, afterwards first Marquis of Douglas, desiring to make an exchange of their family trees. Paris, 6th July 1620.

ILLUSTRISSIMO Signor mio bonissimo, da li Signori Stracan gentilhomini Scocesi mi è stato fatto un saluto a nome di Vostra Signoria illustrissima, ond' io conoscedomi molto obligato a tanta cortesia non ho voluto mancare ringratiarla, come faccio con la presente, dell' honore che si compiace farmi in tener memoria di un suo seruitore come professo esserle io.

Ho scritto a mio fratello in Italia accio mi inuij l'Arbore de la nostra familia per mandarlo poi a V. S. illustrissima, dalla quale spero sarò all' incontro honorato di quello della sua, per poterlo aggiungere al nostro, et di questo honore ne teneremo perpetua obligatione a V. S. illustrissima; alla quale per fine bacio le mani, pregandole da Iddio ogni prosperità.

Volendo V. S. illustrissima honorarmi de qualche suo commando potrà inuiare le lettere all' illustrissimo et excellentissimo Signor Duca di Niuers in casa del quale alloggiarò tanto che starò in Franza. Di Parigi, li 6 Julio 1620.

Di Vostra Signoria illustrissima deuotissimo, parente et seruitore,

MARC ANT^O. SCOTO CONTE D'AGAZANO, ETC.

Signor Gulielmo Conte di Duglasso et di Angus.

TRANSLATION OF THE PRECEDING LETTER.

Most illustrious and worthy Lord, the Messieurs Stracan, Scotch gentlemen, have saluted me in the name of your most illustrious Lordship; and as I feel greatly obliged for so much courtesy, I have not wished to fail in thanking you, as I now do, in this present letter, for the honour you have been pleased to do me by keeping in mind your servant, for such I profess to be.

I have written to my brother in Italy to send me the Tree of our family, that I may transmit it to your most illustrious Lordship; and I hope to be honoured

in return by you with the Tree of your family, in order that I may add it to ours, and for such an honour I would hold myself under perpetual obligation to your most illustrious Lordship. I conclude by kissing your hands, praying God to send you all prosperity.

Wishing your most illustrious Lordship to honour me with your commands, I request that you will send letters intended for me to the most illustrious and excellent Duke of Nevers, in whose house I will reside as long as I remain in France. From Paris, the 6th July 1620.

Your most illustrious Lordship's most devoted relative and servant,

MARC ANTONIO SCOTO CONTE D'AGAZANO, ETC.

290. THE SAME to THE SAME, as to family history ; arms of Scoti in Italy, etc. Paris, 8th May 1622.

ILLUSTRISSIMO Signor mio colendissimo, quando io hebbi l'honore di uedere in Orlieus vostra illustrissima Signoria gli promissi fargli hauere l'Arbore de la familia Scota di Piacenza descesa dall' illustrissima casa di Duglass. Ma perchè non hò sin' hora hauuto commodità sicura di mandarlo non hò pagato prima questo debito ; hora doncue con l'occasione di un gentil' homo mio amico che passa in Inghilterra non hò uoluto tardare più a mandarle, come faccio, detto Arbore o' genelogia, pregando V. S. illustrissima honorarmi, come mi promise, dell' Arbore da la casa Duglass in Scotia, almeno quella parte chè la rigidezza de tempi passati di guerra in quel regno hauerà permesso di poter conseruarne la memoria, et io gline resterò obligatissimo. L'arma antica de' Scoti in Piacenza era conforme all' antiche di Duglasso, come si uede in detta città nella chiesa di Santo Lorenzo, ma al tempo che Ghelfi et Ghibellini guerregiauano in Italia li Scoti come partiali de Franzia furono elletti capi de' Ghelfi in Piacenza. Et perche tutte le cose di numero non paro s'intendeuano Ghibelline, furono doncue necessitati di rendere il numero delle tre stelle, ouero a quattro, ouero a due ; mà giudicando che acrescerne non conueniuva, si resoluettero leuarne una, a la piazza de la quale per memoria missero la sbarra bianca, che cominciando da la parte destra uà a finire a la sinistra, che se la sbarra cominciasse a la sinistra et finisse a la destra saria Ghibellina. Il campo che soletta essere rosso fu da Arrigo 4, Imperatore, dato insieme col cimiero d' un pellicano ; il cimiero a quelli Scoti soli che lo portano di presente, et il campo a tutta la familia generalmente. Hò

giudicato bene fare questa poca digressione acciò V. S. illustrissima hebbi qualche notitia perche sii seguita la mutatione. Mi sarà caro ch'ella si compiacia scriuermi la receuuta di detto arbore, all'arma del quale manca la corona sopra che ci duee essere in loco del cimiere. Et uolendomi honorare di sue lette inuandole all' Illustrissimo et Excellentissimo Signor Duca de Nevers mi capitaraono sicure, et io ne tenerò obligo particolare a V. S. illustrissima, a la quale per fine insieme con li signori suoi fratelli et filioli bacio le mani con pregarle da Il Signor ogni prosperità.

Di Vostra Illustrissima Signor, deuotissimo seruitore et parente,

IL CONTE MARC ANT^O. SCOTO D'AGAZANO.

Di Paris li 8 Maggio 1622.

All' illustrissimo Signor Jacomo suo fratello bacio particolamente le mani, et mi recordo seruitore di vero affetto.

TRANSLATION.

Most illustrious and respected Lord, when I had the honour to see your most illustrious Lordship in Orleans, I promised to let you have the Tree of the family of the Scotti of Piacenza, which is descended from the most illustrious house of Douglas. But because I have not hitherto had a safe opportunity of sending it, I have not discharged this debt sooner; now, however, availing myself of the opportunity offered by a gentleman, a friend of mine, who is going to England, I have not wished longer to delay sending to you, as I now do, the said tree or genealogy, requesting your most illustrious Lordship to honour me, as you promised to do, with the Tree of the house of Douglas in Scotland, at least that part of it of which the memory has been preserved, notwithstanding the desolating wars that in times past have been carried on in that kingdom, and I shall esteem 'it a great obligation.

The ancient arms of the Scotti in Piacenza were in conformity with the ancient arms of Douglas, as may be seen in the Church of Santo Lorenzo in that city, but at the time when the Guelphs and Ghibellines contended in Italy, the Scotti, as partisans of France, were elected chiefs of the Guelphs in Piacenza; and as all things with odd numbers were considered Ghibelline, the Scotti were obliged to make the number of the three stars either four or two, but not judging it proper to increase the number, they resolved to leave out one, and in its place, by way of memorial of it, they put a white bar, which, beginning on the right ends on the

left; for if the bar had begun on the left and ended on the right, this would have been Ghibelline. The field, which used to be red, together with the crest of a pelican, was given by the Emperor Henry the Fourth,—the crest to those Scoti who bore it then presently, the field to all the family generally.

I have thought proper to make this digression in order that your most illustrious Lordship may be informed why this change was followed. I will esteem it a favour if you will be so good as to write acknowledging receipt of this Tree, in the arms on which there is wanting the crown above, which ought to be in place of the crest. Wishing the honour of receiving letters from you, I request that you will send them to the care of the most illustrious and excellent Lord, the Duke of Nevers, my captain, and I will be particularly obliged to your most illustrious Lordship. I conclude by kissing the hands of your Lordship, and of my lords your brothers and sons, and by praying for every prosperity for you from the Lord. From Paris, the 8th of May 1622.

Your most illustrious Lordship's most devoted servant and kinsman,

THE COUNT MARC ANTONIO SCOTO D'AGAZANO.

I kiss particularly the hands of the most illustrious Lord James your brother. Remember me to him as his most affectionate servant.

291. SIGNOR LEONARDO CREMA to THE SAME, enclosing a letter from Count Agazano, and offering a visit. London, 28th June 1622.

ILLUSTRISSIMO Signor mio Signor et Patrone collendissimo, nella mia partita di Parigi l' illustrissimo Signor Conte Marc' Antonio Scotti, Italiano, quale 3 anni sono parlò con V. S. illustrissima alla mia presenza in Orleans, mi dete la genealogia dell' illustrissima sua casa, discesa dall' illustrissima casa di Duglasso in Scotia, con la presente lettera, acciò che l'un et l'altra le ricapitassi in mano di V. S. illustrissima se si ritrouaua in Londra; et era mio pensiero di uoler ueder la Scotia et offerirmeli suo deuotissimo seruitore; ma essendomi occorso nel mio passaggio di Francia in Ingiltera, ch' io sono stato spogliato come intenderà da Monsignor di Ghre gentilhuomo Scocese, che per sua gratia e apportatore della presente, et anche della lettera et genealogia dell' illustrissimo Signor Conte Marc' Antonio, ho deliberato di mandarli; et perche in mia campagnia ui e un mio cugino desideroso di ueder Paese, et si diletta assai di giuocare al nobilissimo giuochi delli Scachi, et sapendo che la nobiltà Scocese in particolare ha gusto di

questo virtuoso giuoco, supplico a V. S. illustrissima se in Scotia, et oue ella si ritroua ui sono Signori amatori di questa disputta del' inteleotto, degnarsi d' au[i]sarmene, perchè ueniremo, per farli riuerenza, et farsi conoscere per suoi servitori, et anche per darli gusto dilettandossi di questo giuoco, et ad altri Signori del paese. Se V. S. illustrissima uole rispondere all' illustrissimo Signor Conte Marc' Antonio, potrà mandarle lettere a me qui in Londra, et raccomandarle in casa dell' excellentissimo Signor Ambasciator di Francia, che cosi mi peruenirano sicure, et io poi le recapiterò oue sarà, et le faccio humilissima reuerenza. Di Londra, il 28 Giugno 1622.

Di Vostra Signoria illustrissima deuotissimo et humilissimo seruitore,

LEONARDO CREMA.

TRANSLATION.

Most illustrious Lord and most revered patron, on my departure from Paris, the most illustrious Lord, Count Marc Antonio Scotti, an Italian, who three years ago spoke with your most illustrious Lordship in my presence in Orleans, gave me the genealogy of his most illustrious house, which is descended from the most illustrious house of Douglas in Scotland, along with the present enclosed letter, in order that I should convey both the genealogy and the letter to the hands of your most illustrious Lordship, if you happened to be in London: and I entertained the intention of visiting Scotland, and offering myself as your most devoted servant to you, but happening to be robbed on my passage from France to England, as you will learn from Mr. di Ghré (Gray), a Scotch gentleman, who has courteously offered to be the bearer of the present letter, and also of the letter and genealogy of the most illustrious Lord, Count Marc Antonio, I have resolved to send them to you. And because there is in my company a cousin of mine desirous of seeing the country, and who delights in playing the most noble game of chess, and knowing that the Scotch nobility in particular delight in this ingenious game, I have to request that if there be in Scotland and where you reside, any gentlemen who have a liking for this trial of skill, your illustrious Lordship will be so good as let me know, because in that case we will come to pay our respects to you, and introduce ourselves to you as your servants, and also to give pleasure to you and the other gentlemen of the country by means of this delightful game.

If your most illustrious Lordship wishes to return an answer to the most illustrious Lord, Count Marc Antonio, you can send letters to me here in London.

addressing them to the house of the most excellent Lord, the French ambassador, and they will then reach me safely, and I will despatch them to the Count wherever he may be. Accept my most humble reverence. From London, the 28th June 1622.

Your most illustrious Lordship's most devoted and most humble servant,

LEONARDO CREMA.

292. MARC ANTONIO, COUNT D'AGAZANO, to THE SAME, introducing a young Roman Nobleman. Pozolo, 30th December 1624.

ILLUSTRISSIMO et excellentissimo Signor mio colendissimo, il presentatore di questa mia a Vostra Eccellenza sarà il Signor Giovanni Camillo Zaccagni, Romano, giouane di nobilissimi costumi et dotato di belle lettre; et perch' egli hà in Roma pochi pari per sapere le antichità, et cose notabili di cotesta citta, con cognitione delle scritture degne da sapersi, ho creduto che forsi potesse in alcuna cosa seruire a Vostra Eccellenza, et però come amico mio caro l' ho pregato auenirsele a dare a conoscere et offerirsele. Confido ch'egli non manchera, et che al sicuro (occorrendo) le darà satisfacione, lo raccomando donc que con ogni caldezza a la benignità di Vostra Eccellenza, a la quale hauendo in questo istesso ordine scritto un' altra mia poco hò che soggiongere, solo che le uiuo partialissimo seruitore et parente, et qui facendo fine a V. E., con l' illustrissimo Signor suo cugino che hà seco, bacio di core le mani. Di Pozolo li 30 Dicembre 1624.

Di Vostra Eccellenza deuotissimo et obligatissimo cugino et seruitore,

MARC' ANT^o. SCOTO, CO : D'AGAZANO.

TRANSLATION.

My most revered, illustrious, and excellent Lord, the bearer of this my letter to your Excellency will be the Lord Giovanni Camillo Zaccagni, a Roman. He is a youth of the most noble deportment, and conversant with the belles-lettres; and as he has few equals in Rome as regards the knowledge of the antiquities and notable things of that city, and besides is well acquainted with the manuscripts most worthy of being known, I have thought that perhaps he might in several ways be of service to your Excellence, and therefore I have requested him, as a dear friend of mine, to introduce himself and offer his services to you. I trust he will not fail, and that his attendance will certainly give you satisfaction. I very warmly recommend him, then, to the benignity of your Excellency. Having

written by the same post another letter to you, I have little to add, except only that I remain your most affectionate servant and kinsman, and that, in conclusion, I heartily kiss the hands of your Excellence and of your most illustrious Lordship's cousin who is now with you. From Pozolo, the 30th December 1624.

Of your Excellence the most devoted and obliged cousin and servant,

MARC ANTONIO SCOTO, COUNT D'AGAZANO.

293. THE SAME to THE SAME, regretting he is unable to receive the Earl
in Rome, and as to the Douglasses in Italy.

ILLUSTRISSIMO et excellentissimo Signor mio colendissimo, Dio sa il sentimento grande che hò hauuto per non hauere potuto trattenermi in Roma per potere seruire Vostra Eccellenza mentre iui si fermarà, et il Signor Ludovico Abbatì m'ha scritto dei fauori ch'ella si e compiaciuta farle, io anco nela ringratio quanto posso assicurandola ch'esso e' gentil'homo, che uiue con molto desiderio di servirla. Esso Signor Ludovico mi scrive che Vostra Eccellenza hauere qualche lume del nostro principio quando uenissimo con Carlo Magno Imperatore. Il nostro primo si domandaua Gulielmo Conte di Duglas come nell' Arbore che mandai a Vostra Eccellenza si uede, et fù quando detto Carlo Magno uenne contro Desiderio Re de' Longobardi, che traualiaua il Papa, mà perchè possa melio hauere notitia anderò presto a trouare mio fratello, et uederò di mandare a Vostra Eccellenza la Cronica di Piacenza fatta dal Viscouo di Bagnarea. In somma uederò mandare piu chiarezza che potrà a Vostra Eccellenza, a la quale frà tanto facio reuerenza. Di Pozolo li 30 Dicembre 1624.

Di Vostra Eccellenza Deuotissimo et obligatissimo cugino et seruitore,

MARC' ANT^o SCOTI D'AGAZANO.

TRANSLATION.

Most illustrious, most excellent, and most revered Lord, God knows how much vexation I have felt at not being able to remain in Rome to serve your Excellency during the visit you are going to make there, whilst Signor Ludovico Abbatì has written to inform me of the favours which you have been good enough to do him. I also have to tender you all the thanks I can on his account, and assure you that he is a gentleman who entertains a great desire to serve you. This Signor Ludovico writes to me that your Excellency desires to have some light as to the origin of our family when we came with the Emperor Charlemagne. Our ancestor was

designated William, Earl of Douglas (Conte di Duglas), as is seen in the Tree which I sent to your Excellency, and flourished at the time when Charlemagne came here against Desiderio, King of the Longobardi, who was harassing the Pope. But, in order that you may have fuller information, I will go at once and find my brother, and see that there is sent to your Excellency the Chronicle of Piacenza, composed by the Bishop of Bagnarea. In short, I will take care to send to your Excellency any further information I can get on the subject; and meanwhile I offer you my respects. From Pozolo, the 30th December 1624.

Your Excellency's most devoted and most obliged cousin and servant,

MARC ANTONIO SCOTO D'AGAZANO.

294. WILLIAM, ELEVENTH EARL OF ANGUS, to the COUNT OF AGAZANO, in answer to the preceding two letters. Rome, 2d January 1625.
[Original draft.]

ILLUSTRISSIMO Signore mio osservatissimo, ho riceuuto le dua di Vostra Signoria illustrissima di 30 Dicembre, alle quali faciendo riposta, le dirò che io ho pour assai piena informatione per historie et altre nostre commune memorie della sua casa, ma desidero per maggior mia sodisfattione vedere anco la Cronica di Piacenza, nella quale intendo sene fa particolare mentione. In quanto a l'Arbore della nostra genologia, se dato a farlo, et credo che sarà presto in ordine, ma non con quella chiazezza sarebbe necessario, per non hauer qui molte memorie si trouano in Scotia, tutta via procurarò si facia con quella maggior diligenza sarà possibile.

Il Signor Giouan Camillo Zaccagni è stato da me. Da suo discorso l'ho trouato delle qualità et meriti che Vostra Signoria illustrissima mi seriu. Mi dispiace non poter fuor della mia patria mostrarli quella cortesia che meritano le sue virtu et la recommendatione di Vostra Signoria illustrissima; tutta via me li sono offerto in quello posso prompto a sui seruitij come anco al Signor Ludovico Abbati, il quale trouo medesimamente gentil'huomo molto gentile et intelligente. che per cio mi ha obligato grandamente, et però in quello m' impiegarà me trouerà in ogni sua occorrenza promtissimo; et con questo resto con desiderio d'hauer sempre buone nuoue della sua salute, et che me fauorisci commandarmi a cio possa essercitar la bona volontà ho di seruirla. Con bacciarli le mani le prego di Dio ogni prosperità. Di Roma, li ij Gennaro 1625.

Di Vostra Signoria illustrissima affectionatissimo cugino et seruitore.

TRANSLATION.

My most illustrious and respected Lord, I have received the two letters of your most illustrious Lordship of the 30th December, in reply to which I have to mention, that though I have very full information for the histories and other common memoirs of our house, I desire, for my greater satisfaction, to see also the Chronicle of Piacenza, in which I understand particular mention is made of it. In regard to the Tree of our Genealogy, I am getting it prepared, and I believe it will soon be ready, but it will not have the necessary clearness, owing to my not having here many memoirs, which are only to be found in Scotland; nevertheless I will endeavour to finish it with all possible diligence.

Signor Giouan Camillo Zacchagni has been with me. From his discourse I found him to possess those qualities and merits of which your most illustrious Lordship wrote to me. I am sorry that being at present out of my own country, I cannot show him that courtesy which both his virtues and the recommendation of your most illustrious Lordship deserve; however, I have offered, so far as I am able, to put myself at once at his service, and also at that of Signor Ludovico Abbati, whom I also find to be a very polite and intelligent gentleman, and who as such has obliged me greatly; and therefore, in whatever business he may employ me he will find me most ready to serve him. Having said so much, I remain always desirous of hearing good news of your health, and of being favoured with your commands to do whatever I can in the way of giving effect to my willingness to serve you. Kissing your hands, I pray that God may grant you every prosperity. From Rome, the 2d of January 1625.

Your most illustrious Lordship's most affectionate cousin and servant.

295. SIGNOR FERDINANDO SCOTTO to MONSIEUR DOUGLAS, as to the prospects of service under the Republic of Venice. Bresse, 14th January 1626.

MONSIEUR, vne de vous lettres du 30 du mois passé me fut rendue à Bresse, ou ie arriuia hier m'estant arresté quelques iours ches moy, et ie resouuins nostre affaire à Monsieur le General que il me dict auoir enuoyé les capitulations à Venise pour estre consultées du Senat, du quel n'a iamais receu aucune responce, ce qui fait croire que la Republique ne pense point de faire à present de nouvelles leuées, ou bien que les capitulations des ofres li ont semblé un peu trop onereuses, que telles de mesme ont semblé à Monsieur le General; au quel ie ai fait

cognostre que pour le grand desir que nous aues de seruir la republique nous aues demuré tout ce temps à Lion, ou nous ne pouues plus nous arrester pour autres nous particuliers affaires. Monsieur le General m'a conseillé que nous ne pouues faire mieux que passant à Paris nous ioindre avec Monsieur l'ambassadeur de Venise appres ceste Majesté, que en ceste façon l'affaire aura plus de force ; et moy cependant ie ferais diligence que Monsieur le General de rechef torné escrire à Venise pour la resolution de ceste affaire, la quelle quant et quant ie l'aurai receue ie nous l'enuoyerai la ou nous estes, d'où si nous partes pouues laisser ordre que nous soit envooyee et que ie en sois auerti. Vous ne me deues point, Monsieur, remercier de ce que ie n'ai point fait, mais bien estre tres certain d'un tres affectionné desir que ie ai de nous rendre seruice et cependant que ie nous supplie de rechef à m'en donner le suiet. Je nous baise tres humblement les mains.

Monsieur, vostre treshumble et tresobligé seruiteur et cousin,

FERDINANDO SCOTTO.

Donné à Bresse le 14 Januier 1626.

A Monsieur, Monsieur Douglas, Gentilhomme Escossois demurant ches Madame d'Aubine à la place des Cordeilliers à Lyon.

TRANSLATION.

Sir, one of your letters of the 30th of last month was handed to me at Bresse, where I arrived yesterday, having stayed several days at my own house; and I recalled our affair to the recollection of the General, who told me that he had sent the conditions to Venice for the consideration of the Senate, from whom he had received no answer. This leads one to believe that the Republic does not think at present of making the new levies, or that the conditions offered appear to it to be too onerous, as indeed they have appeared to be so to the General, to whom I have made known the great desire you have to serve the Republic, and that you have resided all this time at Lyons, where you cannot remain any longer, owing to your other private affairs. The General's advice is, that you could not do better than go to Paris and join the Venetian ambassador at the court of his Majesty there; that in this way the affair will be more vigorously prosecuted; and I, for my part, will in the meantime use all diligence that the General may write again to Venice for the settlement of that affair, and as soon as I know the result, I shall send word to you where you are residing, and if you leave you can give orders that my letter be forwarded to you, and that

I be apprised. You ought not to thank me for services I have not rendered ; but be assured that I entertain the most affectionate desire to serve you ; and in the meantime I request you anew to give me an opportunity of doing so. I very humbly kiss your hands. Sir,

Your very humble and very obliged servant and cousin,

FERDINANDO SCOTTO.

Given at Bresse, 14th January 1626.

To Monsieur Douglas, a Scotch gentleman residing at Madame D'Aubine's, Place des Cordeliers, Lyons.

296. OTTAVIO SCOTTO COUNT D'AGAZANO to WILLIAM, ELEVENTH EARL OF ANGUS. A complimentary letter, and acknowledging receipt of Douglas Family Tree. Lodi, 28th January 1626.

ILLUSTRISSIMO Signor mio osservatissimo, con la lingua non posso esprimere l'alegrezza che m'ha apportata la carissima carta di Vostra Signoria illustrissima, per intendere da essa il suo ben stare, che con lei me ne rategno quanto io posso; poi anco per scorgiere da essa, la memoria ch'ella tiene di me suo affettionatissimo et deuotissimo parente e servente. Non occore che Vostra Signoria illustrissima mi ringratia di cosa che non ho fatto per lei, però sapia che la mia persona et quanto posso disporne a questo mondo sarà sempre impiegato a suoi comandi; et mi pretenderò affortunatissimo quando mi si presenterà occasioni di poter la seruire, però alle occasioni non mi sparmi in cosa alcuna. Il Conte Marc' Antonio, mio fratello, ha già hauuto l'Albero della famiglia da Vostra Signoria illustrissima mandatoli al Maggio del St. Davud; questo mi scriue essere bellissimo, et che presto lo manderà a me; però e lui et io la ringratiamo di tanto fauore. Io non sono cortegiano per fare ceremonie, ne tan poco inuentore di belle parole; dirò solo a Vostra Signoria illustrissima che ha qua me et una casa della famiglia tutta sua; et che sempre ne potrà disporne alla libera come di cosa sua propria, et quello sia detto per sempre. Con che fine a Vostra Signoria illustrissima bascio le mani, augurandoli da il Signor quanto desidera. Di Lodi, li 28 Gienaro 1626.

Di Vostra Signoria illustrissima parente deuotissimo et affettionatissimo seruitore,

OTTAVIO SCOTTO, CON. D'AGAZANO.

A Vostra Signoria illustrissima.

TRANSLATION.

Most illustrious and revered Lord, no speech of mine can express the delight which your most illustrious Lordship's very dear letter has brought me, as I learn from it that you are well, and on that account I dwell on it as much as I can; moreover, I am pleased to find that you retain a place in your memory for me, your most affectionate and devoted kinsman. It does not occur to your most illustrious Lordship that you thank me for services I have never rendered you, but I wish you to know that my person and everything I can dispose of in this world, will always be at your disposal, and I would esteem myself most fortunate when any opportunity occurred of serving you. Therefore on any occasion do not spare me in anything. The Count Marc Antonio, my brother, has already received the Tree of the family sent to him by your most illustrious Lordship, at his residence at the Maggio del St. David. He wrote to me that it is most excellent, and that he will send it to me soon, and he and I thank you for so great a favour.

I am not a courtier to deal in ceremony, and as little am I an inventor of fine words; I will only assure your most illustrious Lordship that I and my house are yours, and that you can always freely dispose of me and it as of your own property, and this is said once and for ever. I conclude by kissing your illustrious Lordship's hands, wishing you may obtain from the Lord whatever you may wish. Lodi, the 28th January 1626.

Your most illustrious Lordship's most devoted kinsman and most faithful servant,
OTTAVIO SCOTTO CONTE D'AGAZANO.

297. OTTO FREDERIC CUMEIN, CONTE DI BUCHANN, to THE SAME, giving some interesting news as to military movements at Rome; election of Cardinals, etc. Rome, 6th February 1626.

ILLUSTRISSIMO Signor Conte Patrono mio colendissimo, la lettera di Vostra Signoria illustrissima scrittami da Perugia dalli 20 d' Ottobre dell' anno passato, tanto per la gentilezza di quello da cui erano scritte, quanto per l'autorità sua (la quale ha pigliato colla dolce sua conuersatione in Roma) sopra me di commandarmi e stata meriteuole di subita risposta, la quale se la fortuna m' hauesse fauorita haurei fatta, e non fossi stato astretto a refrenare la corrente voglia mia per la sua slontananza et incerto termine douè hauesse potuto indirizzare le mie significatiue parole e richieste di esser fauorito da V. S. illustrissima in comandarmi. Assicuro

V. S. illustrissima che maggior contento et allegrezza non potei sentire di quello che hebbi a vedermi cosi essaltato et honorato di V. S. illustrissima con vna lettera, la quale mi scrisse senza esser prouocato d'vna mia; ni per merito mio, ma per sola gratia sua. E maggior honore non potrei hauer da V. S. illustrissima che d'esser comandato con vn altra sua, et con questo mezzo hauere con V. S. illustrissima da me non meritata corrispondenza. Li do la parola di quel pouero cauagliero che non per uirtù mia, (ma per quella di miei antecessori, li quali fecero qualche cose segnalate in Scotia) dourei essere, se non lo sono per sciagura mia, di volergli scriuere in ogni luogo dove saprò che sarà V. S. illustrissima, se però sapesse di non opportunarla più tosto che seruirla con le mie ciachere et ciarle. Qui non e altra nuoua se non che nostro Signore il Papa ha licentiatto certi capitani e soldati qui, et il restante ch' arriuarà à 1000 soldati sono stati ristretti sotto cinque capitani. Si fabrica intorno al castel S. Angelo per rialzare li parapetti et intorniarlo coll' aque del Teuere. S' attende ancoraque à fondere molti pezzi d' artiglieria per li quali la materia o bronzo e stata tolta e levata dallo Rotondo due erano certi traui di bronzo; la quale leuata dicono ch' importi al Papa piu d'un milione; certo e che sono grandissime machine. Per questo carneuale s' apparechia dal prencipe Ludouisio vna bella giostra. Nostro Signor all 19 del passato fece 12 illustrissimi Signori Cardinali, fra li quali come Patriarca fu il primo vn Luigi Caetano Patriarcha d' Antiochia; il secondo fu l' Arcivescouo d' Lione due eredo che queste lettere habbino a trouare V. S. illustrissimo; il terzo fu vn certo mi parente, vn Barone Ernesto d' Harrach Arcieuescouo di Praga, il quale auanti 5 anni fu nel nostro Collegio Alunno; il quarto fu Monsignor Bernardino Spada, Nuntio di Francia; il quinto fu Monsignor Zacharia Landino, Maestro di Casa di Nostro Signor; il sesto fu Monsignor Berlingiero Gessio Vescouo d' Arimini; il settimo fu Monsignor Federico Cornaro Venetiano Vescouo di Bergamo; il ottauo fu Monsignor Giulio Sachetti Nuntio di Spagna; il nono fu Monsignor Giouanni Domenico Spinola, Auditor of Camera; il decimo fu Monsignor Giacomo Cauagliero Datario di Nostro Signor; l'undecimo fu Monsignor Lelio Biscia decano dei chierici di Camera; l'ultimo poi fu D. Henriquez figliuolo del Conte d' Oliuares, fauorito del Re Cattolico. L'Arciduca Leopoldo fu qua vn pezzo a Roma, ma sconosciuto, come fu il giouene prencipe di Polonia. Con cio finisco basciando a V. S. illustrissima riuerentemente le mani, pregandola di nuoua mi uogli consolare e commandare con vna sua. Di Roma, alli 6 di Febrero l'anno 1626.

Di Vostra Signoria illustrissima affectionatissimo et obligato seruitore,

OTTONE FEDERICO CUMEIN, CONTE DI BUCHANN.

P.S.—Il Conte Barbarino, nipote, con piu di 300 persone e partito alla volta di Spagna, e poi disegno sia per andare dall' Imperadore. In Palermo di Sicilia e grandissima mortalità di peste.

All' illustrissimo Signor Patrono mio colendissimo, il Signor Conte d' Angusia, a Lione.

TRANSLATION.

Most illustrious Lord Earl, my most revered patron, the letter written by your illustrious Lordship from Perugia on the 20th of October of last year, both from the courtesy of the writer, and from the authority to command me which you received from me in our agreeable intercourse at Rome, is deserving of an immediate reply; and I also would have replied immediately, if fortune had favoured me, and I had not been obliged to restrain my ardent wishes on account of the distance at which you are from me, and the uncertainty of the destination to which I would have to address the expressions and requests to be favoured with your most illustrious Lordship's commands. I assure your most illustrious Lordship that I could not feel greater satisfaction and delight than that which I experience at finding myself exalted and honoured by your most illustrious Lordship with a letter, which you wrote to me without being induced to do so by getting one from me, and from no merit of mine, but solely from your gracious kindness. And a greater honour I could not have from your most illustrious Lordship than to be commanded by you in another letter, and thus to have with your illustrious Lordship a correspondence of which I am not worthy. On the word of a poor cavalier (for if unfortunately I am not such, yet such I ought to be, not from any merits of mine, but from those of my ancestors, who have performed remarkable things in Scotland), I assure you that I wish to write to you where I may know that your illustrious Lordship may be, if I did not fear to annoy you rather than interest you by my gossip and prattling.

There is nothing new here except that our Lord the Pope has paid off certain captains and soldiers; the remaining soldiers retained number about 1000, and are under the orders of five captains. Works are in progress round the castle of San Angelo to raise the parapets, and to surround it with the waters of the Tiber. It is intended besides to cast many pieces of artillery, the material of which is bronze, brought from the Rotondo, where there were certain beams of bronze. They say this will impose on the Pope an expense of a million; certain it is, that they are great

implements. On the occasion of this carnival a fine tournament will be given by the Prince Ludovisio.

Our lord on the 19th of last month created twelve most illustrious lord cardinals, of whom the first as being Patriarch was Luigi Caetano, Patriarch of Antioch; the second was the Archbishop of Lyons, where I believe this letter will find your most illustrious Lordship; the third was a certain relative of mine, Baron Ernest d'Harrach, Archbishop of Prague, who about five years ago was an alumnus of our college; the fourth was Monsignor Bernardino Spada, nuntio to France; the fifth was Monsignor Zachariah Landino, Maestro di Casa of our lord; the sixth was Monsignor Berlingiero Gessio, Bishop of Arimini; the seventh was Monsignor Federico Cornaro, a Venetian, Bishop of Bergamo; the eighth was Monsignor Giulio Sachetti, nuntio to Spain; the ninth was Giovanni Domenico Spinola, auditor di Camera; the tenth was Monsignor Giacomo Cavagliero, master of the office of dates of our lord [the Pope]; the eleventh was Monsignor Lelio Biscia, Dean of the Clergy of the Chamber; the last was Don Henriquez, son of the Count d'Olivares, the favourite of the Catholic King. The Archduke Leopold was here for a short time in Rome incognito, as was also the young Prince of Poland. I end by kissing most respectfully the hands of your most illustrious Lordship, praying that you may again console and command me by another letter. Rome, the 6th of February, the year 1626.

Your most illustrious Lordship's

Most affectionate and obliged servant,

OTTONE FEDERICO CUMEIN, CONTE DI BUCHANN.

P.S.—The Count Barberino, nephew [of the Pope], with more than 300 persons, has left for Spain, from which their intention is after a time to proceed to the Emperor. At Palermo in Sicily there is a great mortality from the plague.

To the most illustrious Lord, etc., the Count of Angus, at Lyons.

298. [MONSIEUR DOUGLAS,] to SIGNOR FERDINANDO SCOTTO, that as the Venetian Republic will not accept his services, he will not press the matter. Paris, 16th March 1626. [Original draft.]

MONSIEURE, j'ay receu la vostre par laquelle je vous remercie bien humblement de la paine que nous auies pris en cest affaire, et vous assurant que nous aues

fauorissé un persone gratté, qui est et tousjours sera tres prest et affectionné à rendre le pareille, estant honoré de vos commandements ; et puis que la Republique n'est pas resolu de se seruire, et mon desire est de ne importuner à sonn embassadore de tel occatione, et vous feries bien de ne plus insister en ceste affaire si vous ne voyer grand apparence de leur exceptione. Attendant un meilleure occasione, lequelle si presentera sur vostre lettre avec leur assurance je tacheré de accomplire leur desire, moyennant que je ne suis engagé au seruice de mon Roy. Et touchant le capitolations offerts, je ne croy pas que person de ma qualité ou quelque aultre qui soit (ayant l'intention honorable de la seruire fidelement come je le eu) puis ou veulle enterprendre vn telle actione sur le mesmes conditiones mais pas que ceci depend de leur volonté. Sans vous importuner d'auantage je suspende mon jugement, et remett la conduit de l'affaire à vous, come estant plus capable, et pratiqué avec eux que moy. Je croy que dans peu de temps je retourneres en mon pais ; pourquoy si l'occasione susdict presentera, ou que vous me voulies comander quelque chose je donne order à mon cousin de vous escrire l'addresse ou vous pouieres assurer vos letters. Ainsi vous souhaitant toutt felicitie, je demure à jamais,

Monsieur,

Vostre treshumble et tresobligé seruiteur et cousione.

A Paris le 16 de Mars 1626.

Ces offers fait au V[enice] avec une lettre au Signor Ferdinando de Lion.¹

TRANSLATION.

Monsieur, I have received yours, for which I thank you very humbly for the trouble you have taken in this affair, assuring you that you have done a favour to a grateful person, who is and always will be very ready and eager to render the like, when honoured with your commands ; and since the Republic (of Venice) has not decided to accept my services, and my desire is not to importune their ambassador on such an occasion, you also will do well not to insist in this affair, unless you see a strong probability of their acceptance. Should a suitable occasion present itself, as the result of your letter, with their encouragement, I should endeavour to accomplish their desires, as in the meantime I am not

¹ It is not known who was the writer of this letter— it is evidently in reply to that on pp. 299, 300, addressed to “ Monsieur Douglas.”

engaged in the service of my King. In regard to the capitulations offered, I do not believe that any person of my quality, or any man whatever who entertains the honourable intention of serving faithfully, as I do, could or would undertake such an action on the same conditions; but on the understanding that this does not depend on their will. Without troubling you more, I suspend my judgment, and remit the management of the affair to you, as being more capable, and more in the way of dealing with them than I am. I think that in a short time I will return to my native country. However, if the above-mentioned opportunity should present itself, or you should please to command me in anything, I have given orders to my cousin to write to you, and give you the address to which you can direct your letters. So wishing you every happiness, I remain,

Sir,

Ever your very humble and very obliged servant and cousin.

Paris, 16th March 1626.

This offer made to V[enice] with a letter to the Signor Ferdinando, from Lyons.

299. SIGNOR PIERGENTILE TRANQUILLI to [WILLIAM, ELEVENTH EARL OF ANGUS]. A friendly invitation to Italy. Perugia, 30th April 1626.

ILLUSTRISSIMO Signor e patronne collendissimo, con l'occasione ch' il Signor Bannatini passa per Perugia, ritornandosi alla patria, io uolui piglar presumptione di raccordar lo mio seruitio a Vostra Signoria illustrissima, et a farle reuerenza, come anche a tutti Signori figli alli quali mi dedichero seruitore, offerendole che se mai l' uenisse in pensiero di uenir in Italia, la casa e tutto quello che io ho con la propria persona. S' io hauesse saputo come indrizzar lettere, haurei scritto piu e piu volte, et adesso scriuerai molto piu troppo e tanto che le recevrai forse a tedi, se non ch' il Signor Nicolo suplira a voce e le dara ragguaglio del tutto, in particolar della deuotione ch' ho a V. S. illustrissima et la sua casa, e dell' affetto ch' ho alli Signori Roberto e Patricio, e l'anima ch' ho a tutto il paese, e con questo torno a far reuerenza, pregandole da il Signor Iddio ogni compita felicità. Perugia, l'ultimo di Aprile 1626.

Di Vostra Signoria illustrissima deuotissimo seruitore,

PIERGENTILE TRANQUILLI.

TRANSLATION.

Most illustrious Lord and revered patron, taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by Mr. Bannatine returning by Perugia to his native country, I have ventured to presume so far as to offer my services and my reverence to your most illustrious Lordship, and to my Lords your sons. To all of you I dedicate myself as servant, offering you, if ever you should think of coming to Italy, my house and all that I have, together with myself. If I had known where to address letters I would have written repeatedly; and I would write now far too much, and so much as to weary you, were it not that Mr. Nicol will supply *viva voce* what I have omitted, and will give you information of everything, in particular of the desire that I have to see your most illustrious Lordship at my house, and of the affection I feel towards Signors Robert and Patrick, and the sentiments that I entertain for your country in general. I again offer my reverence, praying that God may grant you all happiness. Perugia, the last day of April 1626.

Your most illustrious Lordship's most devoted servant,

PIERGENTILE TRANQUILLI.

300. OTTO FREDERIC, CONTE DI BUCHAN, to WILLIAM, ELEVENTH EARL OF ANGUS, referring to some theological discussions at Rome, and making professions of service. Rome, 18th September 1627.

ILLUSTRISSIMO Signor patrono mio colendissimo, Ho indugiato vn pezzo a non scriuere a V. S. illustrissima non gia per essermi straccato nell'offerirmi ad ogni seruitio, ma piu tosto per non saper il stato e la dimora di V. S. illustrissima, la quale non ho potuto, ne manco (se non poco tempo in qua) saper dal Signor Dauid Camerario, dal quale per commandamento de Vostra Signoria illustrissima bisognaua domandare di questo particolare. Con cio do conto a V. S. illustrissima che doppo hauer defeso publicamente auanti il sacro Collegio di Cardinali certe conclusioni di tutta la Teologia dedicata a sua Maiestà Cesarea andoio alla corte di sua Santità il Papa per seruirgli per Camerariero suo, al qual officio sono stato promosso per la raccomandatione della predetta Maiestà l' Imperatore, il quale scrisse vna caldissima lettera per me al Sonmo Pontefice; di questo auiso a V. S. illustrissima non per altra mira et intentione, se non per mostrarmeli adesso vn poco habile si non per riceuere (di quale son stato ancora prima desideratissimo) al meno per

compiere meglio li commandamenti de V. S. illustrissima, appresso la quale protesto colla presente che se vuole cognoscermi per quel servitore che desidero e bramo essergli, si degni d' honorarmi di qualche suo commandamento, s' assicuri con comandare ad vn fidele e diligente seruitore, il quale non refutará ne risparmierá fatica per impiegarsi del tutto in servitio di V. S. illustrissima ; e questo già non voglio che sia preso per termine di cortesia ma per germanica e leale testimonianza del volere e desio che ho' di servire V. S. illustrissima. E così col fine supplicandola di nuouo si voglia in ogni occorrenza preualere della persona mia, racomando colla presente il latore d' essa già conosciuto auanti di V. S. illustrissima, e megli dedico seruitore basciondogli le mani.

Di V. S. illustrissimo affectionatissimo et obedientissimo servitore,

OTTONE FEDERICO CUMENIO, CONTE DI BUGHUANN.

Di Roma li 18 di Settembre 1627.

P.S.—Mando a V. S. illustrissima vna mia conclusione e libbretto per la disputa che sarà li 26 del presente.

All' illustrissimo Signor patrono mio il Signor Guilelmo Douglasio, Conte d'Angusia che Dio guardi.

TRANSLATION.

Most illustrious Lord, my most revered patron, I have waited a little before writing to your most illustrious Lordship, not that I am weary of offering to serve you in every way, but rather from not knowing the circumstances and residence of your most illustrious Lordship, which I could not ascertain ; and I have failed (until a short time ago) in getting any information about you from David Camerario, of whom, by command of your most illustrious Lordship, I had to make inquiry in regard to these particulars. However, I now have to mention to your most illustrious Lordship, that, after having defended publicly, before the sacred College of Cardinals, certain conclusions from the whole range of theology which were dedicated to his Imperial Majesty, I went to the Court of his Holiness the Pope to serve him as Chamberlain, to which office I have been promoted on the recommendation of his foresaid Majesty the Emperor, who wrote a very warm letter in my favour to the Supreme Pontiff. This I mention to you with no other aim and intention than to show you that I am to some extent better able, if not to receive (of which I am still desirous above all things), at all

events to execute, the commands of your most illustrious Lordship. I protest to you on this occasion that, if you wish to find in me such a servant as I desire and wish to be to you, you have only to deign to honour me with any of your commands, and be assured that you will then command a faithful and diligent servant, who will neither refuse nor spare trouble in devoting himself entirely to the service of your most illustrious Lordship; and I do not desire this should be taken as mere words of courtesy, but as a true and loyal testimony of the will and desire I have to serve your most illustrious Lordship. And so I end, entreating you again on every occasion to make use of me. I commend the bearer of this present letter to you; he is already known to your most illustrious Lordship, and I dedicate myself as servant to you, kissing your hands. At Rome, the 18th of September 1627.

Your most illustrious Lordship's

Most affectionate and most obedient servant,

OTTONE FEDERICO CUMENIO, CONTE DI BUQUHANN.

P.S.—I send to your most illustrious Lordship one of my conclusions, and the book for the disputation which will take place on the 26th of the present month.

To the most illustrious Lord, my most respected patron, the Lord William Douglas, Earl of Angus, whom God preserve.

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

301.—LETTER of WILLIAM, LORD OF DOUGLAS, to KING EDWARD THE THIRD, complaining of the invasion of Eskdale during truce [November 1357].¹

A TRESEXCELLENT et tresnoble prince, le Roy Dengleterre, et a son conseille monstre William, Seigneur de Douglas, et se pleynt que le Semady proscheyn apres laffermaunce de la triwe a Berwyk, et la deliuerance nostre Seigneur le Roy Descoce, vynt monsire Robert Tuyllyoll', od graund poaer od lui de gentz de Cumbreland et de Westmerland, et playnement du iour praya ces terres de Eskedal' et prist de ces poures gentz illoesques a la summe de mille boefs et vaches et autres iouenes bestes, mille berbys et chiuaux, et espreth de mesones a la value de xx li.; et monsire Thomas de Lucy mesmes fist suppowell' et afforlement au dit chiuauche par force et subtil' embuschement fait au gentz, que voleyent auoir rescowe lour ditz biens solont vertue de triwes, de queux tortz et damages le dit William pur redresse, depuis qil ne nulles de soens nad rien mespris ne nulle damage fait au dit Roy Dengleterre na nulle de soens puis le trety a Berwyk et laffermaunce de la triwe auantdite.

Item, le dit William se pleynt que puis la triwe prise a Loundres parentre les conseillers le dit Roy Dengleterres et les messages Descoce, si ad le dit monsire Robert Tuyllyoll', par afforlement et abettement monsire Thomas de Lucy, et par leyde de gentz de Cumbreland et Westmerland, destruyt ces terres ascune foytz par playn chiuauche de iour od estandars desployetz, et par embuschementz faitz par le ditz monsire Thomas ascune foytz par larrouns [tro]ublantz de nuyt, et rescettez au chastel de Lochmabane, et auxi pris plusours de ces gentz et raunsoun issynt que ces poures gentz sunt resceu damage a la value de cynk mille liures desterlyngs. Et coment que le dit William ad soeffert tauntz de damages et tortz il mesmes vnques ne fist chiuauche, nembuschement, ne nulle damage a nully dengleterre, fors si ces poures gentz quant ils furent prayetz et destruytz sunt ascune foytz pris de gentz monsire Thomas et sire Robert chateux et autres biens, sur quele damage le dit William ad souent foytz profert redresse et amedes, au fin qe le dit monsieur Thomas lui voleit auoir fait mesme ceo, et auoir cesse et

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eschaunce, le dit monsire Robert et il lui resoundist touz iours qil ne voleit ne fuist de poaer de lui eschauncher. Et outre ceo, le dit William profry au dit monsire Robert vynt liures desterlyngs pur la dite triwe tenire vers lui et ces gentz, le quel profre il refusa et ne voleit estre de triwe. De queux damages et tortz le dit William pur resone et redresse, qar il serra touz iours prest de faire redresse et amendes de touz damages faitz par les soens siauant come resone voet puis la dite triwe pris a Loundres.

TRANSLATION.

To the most excellent and most noble Prince, the King of England, and his council, William, lord of Douglas, shews and complains that the Saturday next after the ratification of the truce at Berwyk, and the liberation of our lord, the king of Scotland, there came Sir Robert Tuyllyoll, and with him a great power of people from Cumberland and Westmoreland, and in open day despoiled the lands of Eskdale, taking from the poor people there to the number of a thousand oxen and cows and other young beasts, a thousand sheep and horses, and household stuff to the value of £20; and that Sir Thomas of Lucy gave them support and reinforcement in the said raid, by force and cunning ambushment made against these people who desired to rescue their said goods, according to the tenor of the truce; of which wrongs and losses the said William [craves] redress, since neither he nor any of his men have done anything despiteful, or any damage to the said king of England or his men since the treaty at Berwyk, and the ratification of the foresaid truce.

Moreover, the said William complains that since the truce taken at London between the councillors of the said king of England and the ambassadors of Scotland, in the same way the said Sir Robert Tuyllyoll, by reinforcement and abetting of Sir Thomas of Lucy, and with the help of the people of Cumberland and Westmoreland, has spoiled his lands, at times in open raid by day with banners displayed, and ambushments made by the said Sir Thomas, at times by thieves troubling by night and reset at the castle of Lochmabane, and he has also taken several of these poor people and put them to ransom, so that they have received damage to the amount of five thousand pounds sterl. And although the said William has suffered so many losses and wrongs, he never made raid, ambush, nor any damage to any of England, unless that these poor people, when they were despoiled and ruined, have sometimes taken from the people of Sir Thomas and Sir Robert, chattels and other goods, of which damage the said William has frequently

offered redress and amends, to the end that the said Sir Thomas might be willing to have made the same to him, and to have ceded and exchanged with the said Sir Robert, who always answered him that he neither wished, nor had the power to exchange with him. And, besides this, the said William offered to the said Sir Robert twenty pounds sterlē for keeping of the said truce towards him and those people, which offer he refused, and would have no truce. Of which damages and wrongs the said William [craves] for justice and redress, as he will be always ready to make redress and amends of all damages done by his men, according as justice will, since the said truce made at London.

302. THOMAS, LORD DACRE, to the ENGLISH PRIVY COUNCIL, in reference to GAVIN DOUGLAS, bishop-elect of Dunkeld. 14th July [1515].¹

MY LORDES, aftur mooste humble and due recommendacion had unto your goode lordshippes, pleas it the same to know, that I received a pacquet of letters from youe by pooste the ij^{de} daye of this present moneth, and by my letter therein conteigned, I perceve that the kingges commandment and yours is, that I shuld with all convenient diligence not onoly send the Poopes two briefs and their coopies, with a pacquette of letters to th'abbot of Arbroothe, elect of Dunkell, and with the same I shuld write unto hym shewing howe the kingges grace hath been soo goode lorde unto hym, to opteyne for hym the said bushopricke of Dunkeld, but also yf I couthe fynde the mean that at the tyme of delyvere of the said brefes to the saide elect, there might be present a notary whiche wold testifie the same delyveryng, and thereupon make an instrument in due fourme.

My Lordes, because I couthe not be in suretie to haif a Scotts notary redy at the delyveree of the said brefes, I sent the said brefes and pacquett with a seruaunt of myn owune, and therupon made letters to the Quene of Scotts and the elect of Dunkeld, and send them with the common notary of the merchieſ, whiche canne perfityle speke and undrestande Frenche, to th'entent he shuld see the delyveree of the said brefes, the copies of whiche letres I send unto your lordships herein closed.

And as they were riding at Moffett, xxxvj myles within Scotland, on Wednesday in the mornyng, the iiijth daye of this moneth, Sir Alexander Gearden, knight, toke the said notary and letters, and because they mencioned of the same brefes whiche my seruaunt had in keping, the same Sir Alexander toke the brefes from

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my servaunt, and had the notary and letres, with the brefes and pacquet, to the Lord Chamberlain, beyng wardain, and from hym to the Duke of Albanye in Edinburghe, and there the said notary sawe the same brefes and writings in the Dukes haunde, of whom he desired, that aither the said brefes and writing were given to him, that he might deliver them according to there superscripcions, or els that it wold like his lordship to cause them be delivered accordingly, for his discharge, saying that he come upon the Poopes message. The said Duke sent the quene hir letter unopynned, and redd the othre letres to the counsale oppenly, and thenne delivered as well the Poopes brefes as pacquett unto the custodie of Maister Gawen Dunbar haundis, beyng clerk of the counsale, and kepar of the Register, to be furthe comyng whenne as they be called for.

And as sone as it come to my knowledge that the notary and my servaunt were arrested, I made an other letter to the seid elect, reciting the effect of my former letters as weel sent to the quene as hym, with the Poopes brefes, whiche letter was delivered to the same electis haunde with all celerite (the cooipe of whiche letter I in likewise send unto your lordshippes), and anon after the same Duke sent for the elect and examined hym in the presence of the counsale wheder he made laubor to the Poopes holinesse and the kingges highness, our souverain lord, for the said bushoprike or not, or howe durst he be soo bold as to laubor therefor without licence of the King of Scottes, or governour of Scotland in his nonage, (who answered that he made never laubor therfor, and what laubor as the queene, his soverain lady, made for his promocion as tutrice and governour to the king, hir sonne, he knewe not). Wherupon, the Duke being frett with ire and malice, committed hym to warde in the castell of Edinburghe, where as he yit remaignes, and then suffered the said notary and my servant to depart at their libertes on Thurisdai last past, after they had bene kept viijth daies in warde.

My lordes, seyng the premisses come not to so good sped as the kinges highnesse intended they shuld haif doon, there is noo man living more sory for it thenne I am, wherin I did my best diligence for the sped and performance of your commandmentes, as our Lord God knowes; wherfor I besiche your good lordshippes to have me excused, for had not bene the sending of the notary, whiche was taken as a straungier in Scotland, I couthe haif conveyed the writings to the handes of the said elect without daungier.

For newes, your lordshippes shalle knowe that I am advertised be myn espies out of Scotland that the busshop of Murraye hath not oonly opteyned tharchiebusshop-rike of Sanctandres, and is come home in Scotland, but also the Duke has

comanded hym to ward to remagne in the priory of Pettenweme, within eight myle where he launded, and noo . . . to come to the court ne counsale. It is thought that he shalbe kept in strater warde unto the season as he resigne the said archibusshopriche to thuse of a bastarde sone of the late King of Scottes, whiche come home in compayne with the seid Duke.

The Lord Drommond, capten of the castell of Strivelng, was sent fore be the Duke tappere afore hym upon his allegiance, whiche, at his commyng, was accused for the striking of an harrold, and also that he, with other lordes, shuld have bene of counsale to have made the kinges grace, our maister, protector of Scotland, and delyvered the young king to his hands. And therupon he was committe to warde on Weddinsday last past, and shall abyde assise in Edinburghe upon Monday next commyng.

I assure your lordshippes that the Quene of Scottes canne gitt noo noblemann to be capten of Streveling, ne that woll take the charge of keping of the younge king and his broder, for every man refuses hir and giffes them to the duke, whiche I fere, and canne see noo remedy ; but, in conclusion, the king and his broder wyll come and be delyvered to the duke's haundes, to there utter distraccion by all likelihode, and as I am credably ascertaigned be my secrete espiell.

I trust that at the breking up of ther parliament to gitt knowledge of ther determinacion, and what ordour shal be taken emonge them, and therof I shall advertise youe with all spedē and deligence.

My lordes, of such letters as the Quene of Scottes haif sent with the Poopes legate, whiche hathe been in Scotland this yere passed, as well to the kinges highness, the Frenche quene, his and hir sister, as to diverse other of you—my lordes of the kingges counsale, to be mean and sollicitors to his highnes for hir help. She is right desirous to haif aunswer again, albeit whenne she might have holpen hir self and husbande, with his freyndes, and also meanes founde and devised for the suretie of them and hir childer, she regarded it litell, whiche she now sore repents, making great lamentacion and weping daily for the same. She is great with child ; it is thought by her freyndes that thorowe the anguysh of the premisses, she wolbe in great jopardie of hir lyfe, remembiring the daungier that hir husbande, uncle, and his grauntfader staundes in at this tyme, as the Holy Trinite knowes, who kepe your good lordshippes. At Karlisle, the xiiij daye of July.

Yours att commandment,

THOMAS DACRE.

To my lordes of the kingges moste honorable counsale.

303. THOMAS, LORD DACRE, to the PRIVY COUNCIL OF ENGLAND, narrating affairs in Scotland. Naworth, 4th August [1515].¹

MY LORDES, in mooste humble maner I recommande me vnto your Lordshippes. And whereas I, be my last writingis vnto you, sent with my seruaunt the furst daye of this month, promysed to certifie your Lordshippes touching the fastnes and demeanour of the Lord Home, Chamberlain of Scotland, on the quene's partie, your Lordshippes shall knowe that be the best and mooste pollitique meanes that I couthe devise, I haue soo moved and induced the said Lord Home, that he is [as] fast and sure vpon the quenes partie as cane be thought, wherunto ye may gif ferme credence, for he sees the Duke Albanye is sett to haue the children in his owne handis and keping, whiche is expreddely for ther vtter distruccion. Th'erle Anguysshe was chargid, vpon his liegiance, by the Dukes writinges, to come to Striueling town, and ther lye for keping of vitailes from the quene and hir partie takers, according to my formour writingis. Wherupon it was devised, be th'assent of the said Erle, me, and the Lord Chamberlain, for the conveyaunce of the younge king and his broder the prince, that the same Erle and a broder of the chamberleyns, with thre score horse in ther compayne, shuld ryde to Striueling for performance therof; and at ther commyng thidder they faunde th'erle Lennax, th'erle Castillis, the Lord Borthuik and the Lord Rivan, with fyve hundredth men lieng with them in the towne to kepe vitailes from the quene and hir compayne. And whane as th'erle Anguysshe perceyved that, [he] drew towardis the castell, and not oonly spak with the quene, but also gaif hir his advice and counsale to the sure keping of the seid castell, and no one to abyde therin saif onoly the quene, fyve gentilwomen, and the men, and put in George Douglas, his broder, to be capten therof, vnder the king and quene.

And soo when he perfytely knewe that they couthe not spedie of ther purpose anentis the sure conveyance of the king and his broder, th'erle Anguysshe and the Lord Chambrelain broder thought to haif stolene awey, and in ther departing parte of ther seruauntes were slayne, for they lak xvij of them, albeyt ther selves escaped and come to the Lord Chambrelain in the Newark, vpon the Middill Marche, where as they be yit, and soo according to the kingis commandment and yours, jolowsye is surely casten betwixt the Duke and Chambrelyne. The quene is aduertised that th'erle, hir husband, and the Chambrelains broder, er escaped, wherof I trust she is joyous. I am credably enformed that the Duke in his awne

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

persones wol ryde to Strueling on the vjth daie of this month, and lye in the Freres in compayne with the forsaid lordes, oonly to famysshe the quene and hir partie, beyng within the castell.

At the last departing with the quene and hir husbande it was determined, that in caace the Duke or any other lordes wol make garriable weir ageinst the castell, that the quene shal sett the younge king vpon the walles, in the sight of all personnes, crowned and the ceptur in his haunde, soo that it shalbe manifestely knownen to euerie personne, that the weir shalbe made ageinst the kinges owne personne. I am put in comforthe that the castell of Strueling is vitelled, fortefied and stored with men and artillery, that it canne not be wonne athis syde Michaelmas.

My lordes, yf the kinges highenes wol haif this matier followed vpon, it wolbe chargeable to his grace, for his highenes must nedes send down some money to the said Erle in haist, for bering his charges and fortefieng his causes according to this purpose, for [he] has noo goodes to bere hym one, and without money I feare me that necessite shal dryve them to an aggreement, for they er not able to continewe ayeinst the Duke without ayde and assistance.

Myne opnyyon is, vndre your correccions, that daies of trieuix be kept and full redresse made to the kinges partie takers, and annoysance to be doone be Scottes-men to the contrary partie, and noo thing to be doone by eny Inglyshman vnto the kinges pleasour and yours be knowen.

Necessary it were that letters were made and sent to the Frenche king wherupon that he may write to the Duke of Albanye in haiste for the well of the quene and hir children of Scotland. And that letters were sent to the said Duke of Albanye from the kinges grace in all haiste be ane haraulde at armes according to my last writinges, and also that the same haraulde may haif a letre with credence from the kinges highenes to the quene of Scottes, whereby he may come by me, and he to be instructed with th'aduices of th' erle Anguysshe, the lord Home, and me what shalbe a part of his credence and ordour for his better spedē.

I trust within four or v daies to speke with th'erle Anguysshe wherof your lordshippes shalbe aduertised. My lordes, because my witt is barren, and that I haue no one to take counsail of in these weghty matiers saif oonly my broder, Syr Cristofer, yf the kinges highenes woll waide ferr in the premisses, I humbly desire your lordshippes that I may haue a wise and discrete man to be associat with me for the better performance of the kinges pleasour and yours. My lordes, for the spedē of these writinges, I haif laid four of my seruauntes betwixt this and

London, as poostes, wherin it wol like youe that I may know your pleasours whiche I shal performe be the grace of the Holy Trinite, who preserue youe. At Nawarde, the iiiijth daye of August.

Yours att comandment,

THOMAS DACRE.

304. BOND between ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, the EARL OF ARRAN, and LORD HOME, as to the charge of the king's person.
Coldstream, 15th October 1515.¹

MEMORANDUM. In Scotland, at Caldstreme, the xv day of Octobre, the yer of God a thowsand fyvethundreth and fyvetene yerres, it is agreyt be Archbalde, Erll of Angwyse, James, Erle of Arrene, and Alexander, Lord Homme, for the weyll and souertie of the kyngis grace, our soveraigne lorde, and my lord Duke, hys broder, to bryng theyr graces owt of the kepping of suspeccions as theye be nowe, ande to be pute in souer kepping for theyr prosperos estayte be the advice of the great and nowbelle lordis of the realmme. And for the performance heyrof we the said Archbalde, James ande Alexander prometys and faythfully oblyshis us, elkene to othir, one the faythe and trewythe in our bodys, to take elken othir partes bayth ine this matter and all othr in goud and in evelle agayns all mene at woll take parte agayns us, and nayne of us agre ne intercomenyng of agreement with the Duke of Albanye, nor nayne of his counsalle, without the assent and consent, elken of othir, alle our ken freyndis and partyetakers; in wytnese heyreof we haif pute to oure handis daye and the place abof writtine.

305. THOMAS LORD DACRE to CARDINAL WOLSEY. Affairs in Scotland.
Naworth, 17th April [1517].²

PLEAS it your grace, I haue received your writing in Cornell vpon the Est Marchies, on Fridaye, at night, the thridde daye of this instant moneth, dated at Grenewiche, the xxvij daye of Marche, and vnderstandes by the same, the kinges pleasour not only is that Clarenceux retourne to Scotlande and deliuer his letres confirmatories, but also I shuld instructe hym to ordour hym self according aswell to your said writing as to do his beste devoir that the letres of saufconduyte may be obteyned vnder the greate seal of Scotland, in suche maner as it is nowe refourmed, as more at lienthe your said writing purporteth.

¹ Old Copy in British Museum.

² Original in Public Record Office, London.

Pleas it your grace, I thought it not beste to sende Clarencieux sodenly to Scotlande, but I and he to speke with Monsieur De la Bastie, warden of the said Est Marchies, with oder commissioners, and to debate and go throughe in all causes or the said Clarencieux shuld ryde. And on the vjth daye of this said moneth came the said De la Bastie and a secrete seruant of the Dukes, named M^r Thomas Haye, to Caldstreme hauge, with whome I and the said Clarencieux spake, and by them knewe the Duke and thre estates myndes. Wherupon I sent the same Claren- cieux to Edinburge with the letres confirmatories, and newe addicions som parte alterate by me concernyng the quene, if she do any offence, that commissioners of aither realme be appointed to mete vpon requisicione for refourmyng and amending of the same like as your grace may perceive by the principall that your grace sende me. And therupon the treux vnto the feeste of Saint Andrewe was proclaimed, the xvth daye of this said moneth, in Edinburge, as my seruant herde afore xj of the cloke, and after the dating of Mr. Clarencieux lettre, as ye may perceyve by the same, whiche in likewise I sende at this tyme, besecheing your grace that after the commyng of Clarencieux, I may haue the copye of them drawen in Englishe, and sent me for myne vnderstanding, forasmiche as I muste be th'executour of theme for the kinges discharge.

And where as your grace writeth the abstinence of werre beyng established, provision maye be made in the mean tyme, that at the expiryng therof, if the Scottes contynue in there haulte and disdeynous demeanour, they may be enforced better to knowe them selfe thenne they nowe doo ; and therfore the kinges highenes commandement is, I shulde not onoly devise and studie the waies and meanes howe it may be effectually done, but also to ascerteyn his highenes or your grace of the same, with convenient diligence, for provision to be made this somer accordingly. Pleas it your grace that or your said writing came to me, I drewe a booke, after my poore mynde and barren witte, for the sure defence of the kingis marchies his leeste charge, and for the mooste annoysaunce of the Scottes, and did sende the same to your grace with my fellowe, Mr. Magnus, whiche I truste your grace hath herde and sene or this. And better devise or enfourmacion I cannot sende without greater charge to the kinges highenes.

According to the foresaid writing, both I and Mr. Clarencieux hath made the beste brute in Scotlande we canne, whiche maketh the grete personages of the same look downe, and vs all the kinges subiectes vpon the bordours to make mery, drinking wynes for gladnes.

Furthermore, where it pleaseth the kinges highenes and your grace to com-

mande me to enserche the verie trouthe and plannesse if anny greate nombre of gonne, hagbushes, hand gonnes, halbardes, marispikes and Almayne ryvettis, with other artillery and abilimentes of werre, were sente into Scotlande, according to thaduertisement of sondery espielles out of France; like it your grace to knowe, that lately there came a knight and a harrald of Fraunce with thordour of Saincte Michaell to the Duke of Albany, who were honourably receyved after there maner, and deliuered to the said Duke. And as it is said the Kinge of Castell and he were both made at oon election, they brought with them also certen halberdes and Almane ryvettis for the Dukes garde, but of no value nor substaunce, as I am credibly enfourmed.

For newes in Scotlande, the Duke entendeth shortlie to bring the king from Stryveling to Edinburgh Castell, and to chaunge the lordes that gave attendaunce vpon hym, and to assigne order lordes to adwaite vpon hym. What jeopardie or inconvenient is like to ensewe therof, the king lieng in the castell, and the Duke in thabbey, I remitte to your grete wisdome. Therle of Angus hathe bene sent fore by the Duke, and hathe sitten thre commandementes; and seing the abstinence nowe taken, I thinke, vndre your correction, his commyng in these parties after the same abstinenens, canne neither be honorable to the kingis highenes nor prouffete.

And, finally, the Duke wrote a letre with oon Dauid Cameron, messenger, asking deliuernace at me of certene fugitives, wherunto I made aunsuere, as your grace maye further perceive, aswell by the said letre as aunsuere sende youe at this tyme. And the Holy Trinitie haue your grace in his blessed gouvernaunce. At Nawarde, the xvijth daye of Aprile.—Yowrs with serues,

THOMAS DACRE.

306. JOHN DUKE OF ALCYON to CARDINAL WOLSEY. 11th December [1521].¹

MONSIEUR Reuerendissime, jay receu voz lettres responsiues acelles je vous enuoye par Rosse touchant les affaires dela Reyne d'Escosse, et par icelles me mandez que le Roy, votre maistre, a depesche ses amples commissions a la reformatio[n] et redrecement de toutes choses faictes sur les frontieres, la ou le lieu est que lon peult mieulx cognoistre les affaires que autre part; desirant de son couste que toutes choses soient si bien entretenues et reformees quil nen puisse aduenir autre choses que bonne amitie, paix et concorde entre le Roy, mon seigneur, et lui. Dont je suis tres ioyeulx de sa continuelle bonne intencion actenu que

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cest entierement mon desir ainsi, que assez lauez peu a percevoir, parce que jay fait fays tous les jours, et est mon intencion de faire tellement que, sil ne tient a autre que a moy, les choses sortiront si bon effect que Dieu y sara seruy et sera le bien, non seulement de ces deux royaumes, mais de toute la Crestiente. Et si je voulloye faire cas de toutes choses, je deueroys le faire de deux choses, l'une de la credence de Clarenciaux touchant la lettre a moy demandee, impossible a mon honneur dicelle bailler et surce retenir les choses traictees et accordées sans les delirer ; lautre est dudit Clarenciaux, qui a enuoie mon secretaire deuant au Nef chastel et puis est demoure avec Monsieur Dacre, ne scay a quelle fin. Dieu vueille que le but ainsi que le bien de la Crestiente le requiert, et nen puis plus auant dire pour le present quant a ce propos. . Et quant a ce que me mandez que quelque secrete de royaume a deu mes-changer le stille avons depar moy acoustume et honnorable, je vous asseure que ce qui sa possible vous en faire quant a moy je le desire et le vueil, et tant que je vous aperceueray au bien de la paix enclin, ainsi que votre estat le porte, et que me mauez tousiours escript estes en ce voulloir, non seulement vous feray honneur en stille de prescription, mais en tout autre endroit amoy possible vous feray honneur et plaisir de bon cuer, nayant regard a ce que messieurs les Estates de ce royaume sauent tres bien aduisir et debatre, que vous ne fautes amoy le semblable que pour vous demandez, ne ainsi que le lieu dont je suis et l'office que jay soubz le Roy, mon seigneur, nepueu du Roy, votre maistre, le requiert, pour lequel seul je vouldroye debatre quant besoing seroit, plus auant que je nay pour le present delibere en faire cas, car ma nature est beaucoup plus desirant faire ce que appartient a honneur que den demander la gloire. Monseigneur, parce que par mon dit secretaire assez amplement auez este aduerty de toutes choses, et par Clerenciaux, sil a voulu le vous escrire, ne vous feray plus longue lettre, car je faiz bien ample response a la dessus dit Reyne d'Escosse dece quelle ma rescript. Luy feray de bon cuer tout plaisir et service a moy possible et faisable, et jusques a non seulement donner congie a son mary, le Conte d'Angoux, d'aller vers elle, mais lui remonstrer et assouenir le plaisir quil peult auoir avec telle princesse que celle la, aydant Dieu, monseigneur reuerendissime, lequel prie vous auoir en sa sainte garde. A Edinbourg le xi^e jour de Decembre.

Tous jours votre bon frere et amy,

JEHAN.

TRANSLATION.

MOST reverend Lord, I have received your letters in answer to those I sent you by Rosse regarding the affairs of the queen of Scotland, and by these you

inform me that the king, your master, has despatched his ample commissions for the reformation and redress of all things done on the Borders, where matters can be understood better than elsewhere; desiring on his part that all things should be so well managed and reformed that nothing may arise therefrom but good friendship, peace and concord between the king, my lord, and him. For his continued good intention I very much rejoice, considering that it is wholly my desire also, which ye have been able enough to perceive, because I have always acted, and it is my intention so to act, that if it depends on no other than me, matters will tend to this result, that God will be served and the welfare secured, not only of the two realms, but of all Christendom. And were I to give prominence to anything, I ought to do so of two things: one, the credence of Clarencieux touching the letter demanded of me, impossible to my honour to give it, and still to maintain the things treated on and accorded; the other, that the said Clarencieux has sent my secretary on to Newcastle, and has himself since remained with Lord Dacre, I know not for what intent. God grant that the end may be such as the weal of Christendom requires, and I can say no more at present as to that. As to what you write to me that some Secretary of State ought to change the honourable and accustomed style used by me, I assure you that for my part I desire to meet your wishes in everything possible; and so far as I shall perceive you inclined to the blessing of peace as accords with your position, and as you have always written to me in that intention, not only shall I do you honour in style of rescription, but in every other respect possible to me I shall cordially do you honour and pleasure, without regard to what the estates of this kingdom in advising and debate know very well, that you fail to me in the very thing which you demand for yourself, which also the place where I am, and the office which I hold under the king, my lord, nephew of the king, your master, require, for which alone I would wish to contend, as need shall require; further for the present I have determined not to make a question of it, for my inclination is much more desirous to do what belongs to honour than to demand the glory of it. My lord, whereas by my said secretary you have been amply enough informed of all things, and by Clarencieux, if he has been pleased to write to you again, I shall not write you a longer letter, for I made a very full answer to the above-mentioned queen of Scotland in what she wrote to me. I shall heartily do her all pleasure and service possible to me, and that I may do, and shall not only give leave to her husband, the Earl of Angus, to go to her, but remonstrate with him, and remind him of the pleasure which he might have with such a princess as she is, with the help of God,

whom, most reverend Lord, I pray to have you in his holy keeping. At Edinburgh, the 11th day of December.

Always your good brother and friend,

JOHN.

307. SIR ANTONY UGHTRED, Governor of Berwick, to CARDINAL WOLSEY.

Berwick, 21st January [1522].¹

MY LORDE, please it youre grace to be advercide that the Ducke of Albanye hathe bene at a castelle belonging to the Erle of Angus, callede Temptallon, and hathe wone it; and, that done, he come to a place of his owne, callede Donbare, where he lyethe at this present tyme, not passyng xvij myle frome the towne of Berwice. I thynke he passithe not the nombre of iiiij ml. mene, besydes the noble mene of the realme that is in his companye and there howsholde seruantes, the Erle of Huntley, the Erle of Argyle, the Erle of Arrayne, the Erle of Lenehowse, and so to the nombre of vij Erles, besyde the barrons of the realme of Scotlande. And nowe of layte the Erle of Angus is gone in to the saide Ducke contrarye to his faithe made to my Lorde Dacre, and sworne vpon thevangelyst to the contrarye.

I knowinge the asemble of the Ducke and the noble mene of the realme of Scotlande so nyee vnto the kynges towne of Berwice, for the suretye thereof I toke in acrewe of two hundrethe and fyfty men, whiche hathe bene here the space of vj daies, and at thende of the saide vj daies I hade knowleige that the Ducke wolde depart towardre Edinburgh, whervpone I dischargede one hundrethe and fyfty of the nombre aforesaide, and kept alhundrethe of the foresaide nombre one daye longer, whiche makethe vij daies for the nombre of one hundrethe, to suche tyme as I hade sure knowleige that the towne was forthe of daungeur, for in the space of fyve howres, the Ducke with his armey, may come to the kynges towne of Berwice frome that place that he lyethe at this daye. And for suretye of his secret commynge by nyght or daye, in as moche as he hathe alle his greate ordenanaunce with hym, if he shulde come sodenlye or wolde be to late for me to sende in to Northuunberlande for acrewe of mene, for the saide Duckes armey maye lye as welle of the Englishe syde as one the Scottes syde, so he maye stope the passage that no Englishmene maye come to the towne. And howe thesaide crewe shalbe paide theyre wages, I beseche your grace that I maye haue knowleige thereof with delygence, for the countrey is verey powr. And if they want money eny space they want corrage, whereof I wolde be verey sourrye, but for the gode suretye of

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the towne, it were right nescesary and profitable that there were acrewe contenually of two hundrethe men, to such tyme as the Duckes prepensede malicious mynde were fortherre knowene.

And also, my lorde, where as there is fyftee gonners, whiche is in aretenewe, and hathe bene of longe tyme, and there wages assignede to be paide vnto the resavour of Berwice, George Lawstone, by the handis of the Abbott of seynt Marye Abbey, who of layte is departede vnto the mercy of God, wherewpone vnto suche tyme as the kingis grace do signe awarraunt vnto the Abbott that nowe is, for his discharge, elles he saithe he cane make no payment vnto the receiveour. And whare as I haue divers tymes wretone vnto your grace for the reparacions of the towne of Berwice, havinge no knowleige of your answere therin to this daye, I thynke verely it hathe bene forthe of the remembraunce of your grace. My lorde, of asuretye there is over greate nede of amaster of werkes, and specially nowe at this tyme there is fyve bullwarkes, whiche stoundes beneficiallye for the surety of the towne, whereof iiij is clerely decayede and fallene downe and the fyft in decaye, with mony mo thinges then this is, whiche were overe longe to trouble your grace with alle by manere of writynge.

My lorde, I beseeche youre grace that I maye haue knowleige of youre pleasure accordyng to the preport of the tennour of this lettere. And thus I shalle dailye praye to the blessyd Trinitie for the preseruacion of youre grace. Frome Berwice the xxij daye of January, by the hande of your daylye bedeman and seruaunt.

ANTONE VGH TREDD.

308. ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH, as to the Duke of Albany's movements, and other matters. Paris, 8th May [1524].¹

SIRE a votre bune grase, mon pouvre servirse homblement a vous me recommande.

Plaise de votre bonne grase plaisir savoir, que jay entendust par ung de mes servirteurs, quy . . . prin fust la mers vene en Franse au devers moy, le quer servirter fust mene devers votre compson, par le quelle jay entendut le bon voylont ques vous aves devers moy non [pas] a seste heure mes plusseurs foys, pur le quelle je prie a Dieu quy je vous peuse fere queques bon servirse quil peust estre . . . et a votre bonne grase. Et ausy sire jay eintendust par le dist servirteur,

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quy . . . le plaisir de votre bonne grase, sy je me poynoys . . . echape . . . dust reaume de Franse par moyant que se torst que je . . . les quelle depuoy la venue dust dist servirteur jay chercher toust le moyan autan que a moys a que pousible de lavoir sourtir par le Conte de Pircardie pur estre venust a Cales. Mes jay veust et perseut que par sest partie las je ne serais sourtir par le quelle jay envoys mon frere par la compter de Bourgognes pour sys peut trouve queques chemin par ont je peust ales en la Fransecompte et je feraist selas ques me serast pousible de chercher : et sys par fourtune je estoit prast, je me fietan en votre bonne grase, que votre plaisir seroit de moy fere reindre [remede], oust ent Anguelterre oust en Escousse ; et je euse envoye sest pourteur mon frere, sy ne fust quyl ast ung prouesse a Roume don benefise, par le quer benefise, il faust quy se trouves a Roume le dist seme jour dust moy de [Joul], et sys last faist, il sem viendras devers vous en bonne grase en bonne deligense.

Et ausy, sire, jay entendust que le doust dArbanie ast demande la pes avesque votre bonne grase, touchan selas je ne men doute point que vous et votre bonne grase bon compsoirt entende mieux que sest a fere touchan seste matire, que je ne vous serays avertir, car il ne luy faust rien ques la puoyasne de vous fere tous toust le mar que a luy serast pousyble. A seste heure il voist quy ne peust gane en nous a votre bonne grase, et que le Roys de Franse ne luy veust don plus de secourt ne moynoie par la quelle chouse et la cause que mentena il demande la pes.

Et ausys, sire, sys voyloist fere la guere il seroit comptreint, devant quyl fust [six] moyen sas, de laiser le reamme dEcouse, et sys veu pardesas le guer, commen je entein, quys ne sera pas le bien venust par de desast : la cause est que le Roys de Franse luy a donne, a son departemant pour ale en Ecouse, troys sempys myles frans argent comptein, sen lanse, quatre myle aventure . . . avest forse monysion de guere, le quer serquort leurs est av . . . quy nest pas employé ny ausy fust gaire servirse au Roys de Franse.

Pour aultre nouvele pour desast, il ne soy point grant pour le presen sy non de ses de delas les mon de quoy votre bonne grase est mieux avertie que je ne vous seraist poin recipre. Car nous aultre Fransoys son bien estonne pour le prese[nt], quy nous veudrat mal sestan depousige, et le plus toust serat meleurs. Sire je vous recommande mon frere quys est en Ecouse . . . je l'enten luy en la malle grase dust dout dArbanye et sys el est doust dArbanye luy en veust malt, commen je ne men dout point, il non point dautre refouge pour le present synon de vernir en votre reamme, pour quoy je prie a votre bonne grase homblemen de le avoir par recommande.

Sire, que votre plaisir soist mon pardone que je vous ay ecript sy plenement et que la lestre nest pas ausy couche comen avoir apertien. Mes, Sire, je vous suplie que soist de votre plaisir de la prendre en gres, car le voyloirt est bon. Aultre chose ne vous mande pour le present, synon que je prie a nostre Seneur quys vous donit a[com]plismente vous desir . . .

Escript a Paris le viij jour de May.¹

Par le toust votre seruiteur,

ARCHEBALD DOUGULAS, ERL OF ANGUSS.

A ung tres eselein et nouble prinse le Roys d'Anguelterre, soist donne.

TRANSLATION.

SIRE, to your good grace I humbly recommend my poor service.

May it please your good grace to know that I have heard by one of my servitors who was taken at sea coming to France to me, which servitor was conducted towards your council, by whom I have understood the good-will which you have towards me, not [only] at this time, but on many occasions, for which I pray God that I may be able to do you some good services as may happen . . . and to your good grace.

And also, sire, I have heard by the said servitor [that it was] the pleasure of your good grace, that if I could escape from the realm of France by any means [I should do so], and since the coming of the said servitor I have sought by every means possible for me to go by the province of Picardie to come to Calais. But I saw and perceived that by that part I should not get away, wherefore I have sent my brother by the province of Burgundy to try if he could find some way by which I might go into Franche Compté, and I shall do whatever is possible to attempt. If by misfortune I be taken, I rely on your good grace, that it will be your pleasure to succour me either in England or in Scotland. And I would have sent my brother as bearer of this had it not been that he has a process at Rome respecting a benefice, for which it is necessary that he be at Rome on the tenth day of the month of July, and if that were done, he will come to your good grace, with good diligence.

Further, sire, I have heard that the Duke of Albany has requested peace with your good grace, touching this I doubt not that you and your good grace's good council understand better what is to be done touching that affair than I can inform you, for he wants nothing but the power to do you all the mischief that

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is possible for him to do. For the present he sees that he can do nothing against your good grace and that the King of France will not give him more aid or money, and this is the reason he now requests peace.

Further, sire, if he wish to make war, he will be forced to leave the realm of Scotland before he has been there six months, and if he come back without war as I understand, he will not be welcomed, because the King of France gave to him at his departure for Scotland three hundred thousand francs of ready money, one hundred lances, and four thousand adventurers, with a force munitioned for war, which succour they are advised, was not employed and has been of but little service to the King of France.

For other news besides, there is not much at present, save of those beyond the mountains, and of which your good grace is better informed than I could write to you, for other Frenchmen are much astonished at us for the present that he should wish us . . . and the sooner the better. Sire, I recommend to you my brother who is in Scotland, [as] I understand he is in disgrace with the Duke of Albany, and if the Duke of Albany desires to injure him, of which I have not the least doubt, he has no other refuge for the present but to come into your realm, wherefore I humbly pray your good grace to have him in your recommendation.

Sire, may it please you to pardon me that I have written to you so fully, and that my letter is not so well composed as is fitting. But, Sire, I pray you to be pleased to take this in good grace, for my will is good. I write you nothing more at the present time but that I beseech our Lord to give you the accomplishment of your desires.

Written at Paris, the 8th day of May. Wholly your servant,

ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS, EARL OF ANGUS.

To the most excellent and noble prince the King of England—give these.

309. THOMAS LORD DACRE to WOLSEY. [17th July 1524].¹

My Lorde, please it your grace to be advertised, according to your graces commandment to me geven in your lettres bering date the vj daye of this moneth, I did send the king, oure soverain lordes, lettres and your graces to the quenes grace of Scotlande, and this daye received aunswere of the same, whiche at this tyme I do sende vnto your grace herewith. I have sent my secretary with instructions in articles to the Archebushop of Sainct Andrewes, chauncellor of Scotland, as of my

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self, after the tenor and purporte specified in your said lettres, wherupon he has sent for the lordes to conveyne in Edinburghe, and I truste vereyly within four dayes to have aunswer again, wheroft your grace shalbe advertised with diligence.

The lettred that your grace sent to the gray frere to deliver a lettred from the kinges highnes, bering date at Grenewiche, the xij day of Junij last past, to the king of Scottes, the same frere was so temorous that he durste not take vpon hym to deliver the same, but delivered it vnto a gentilman called Patrik Sinkler (whome my Lorde Treasurer knowes very well), and he delivered the same to the said yong king. Wheroft his grace was so glad, and tooke so greate rejoising and comforthe therein, that he wolde in no wise byde in, but woolde have bene furthe at libertie vpon Satturday, the ix daye of this moneth, and by the trety of the quenes grace, his moder, his grace was contented to abide in vnto Tewisday after. And so vpon Monday, after the quene and the chauncellar met at a place called Alway, being vj myles from Striveling, where her grace lay, and viij myles from Donfermling, where the said chauncellar laye, and so, in conclusion, after long communication had the quene shewed vnto the chauncellar the comfortable lettres whiche was sent vnto her son frome the kinges said highnes, and there the said chauncellar was agreeable that he wolde be of consent of taking furth of the said yong king, so that the said quene wolde abide therupon till Friday next comynge, and if the said chauncellar entendede and mean trewly, then I doubt not but all thinges shall cum and goo forwarde according to the king, our said soverain, pleasour and your graces, for the suertie of the said yong king.

And for that purpose the said quene has sent vnto me a lettred of credence with the said Patrik Sinkler, whiche credence is that therle of Angus in no wise shall medle nor take anything vpon hande vnto suche tyme as her grace may perceive, wheder the forsaide practises go forwarde or not; and if they go forwarde, then her grace wolbe a mediatrie betwixt the said Erle and the lordes of Scotlande for his weale, and be ordred in her owne person towardes the said Erle as shall stande with the kinges highe pleasour and your graces. And in the meane season, vpon the arrivale of the said Erle in thes parties, I shall kepe hym with me, and vpon the bordors, where he may resorte and speke with parte of his frendes without doyng of any displeasours vnto suche tyme as knowlege maye be had of expedition of the forsaide practises. And so the holy Trinitie preserve your grace. At Morpath, the xvij daye of Julij (at x of the clok in the night).

Yours with hys serves,

THOMAS DACRE.

To my lorde legates grace.

310. THOMAS, DUKE OF NORFOLK, to CARDINAL WOLSEY. [19th July 1524].¹

PLESITHE it your grace to be advertised that, accordyng to your graces commandment, I sent word to the postes that suche lettres as shuld come fro my lord Dacre to your grace shuld be broghte vnto me, and so this present houre I receyved a pakett wherin was one lettre to the kynges highnes and one other to your grace ffro the quene off Scottes, and a nother ffro my lord Dacre to your grace, wiche lettres, by your graces commandment, I have ben so bold to opon and rede, and am righte joyfull to here and se the contentes off the same. And after my poure mynde, by this tyme eyther the kyng is at libertie, or else the chansoler with flaire wordes hathe blynched the qwene, and hathe put her fro aboutes the yong kyng, and put seuer custodie aboutes hym, or els takon hym away and sent hym further off fro Edenboroghe, wiche I dout righte moche, for the seid chansoler is very crafty and sotyll. And wher I perceyve the qwene is not gretly joyfull off the commyng off therle off Angushe, the same dothe most procede, after my poure conseyte, ffor feare that it shuld be reckoned, iff pease do insew, that it shuld come by his meanys more then by hers, as it dothe appore by her lettres; yet notwithstandingyng, me thynk it wer well done that the seid Erle shuld assay the best practyses he can, and your grace in your lettres to wrighte to the quene that the kynges mynd is that pease shall never be made by none but only by her, and as my lord Dacre dothe wrighte, and thynk it well done that he be for a tyme well enterteyned in Northumberlond vnto the tyme it may be sene what effect shall come off the qwenys practisyng.

And iff it myghte stonde with your graces pleasure that I myghte incontynent go to Newcastle without taryinge at York, I thynk suche as wold take part with the kynges commyng furthe shuld be the more bolder, knowyng me to be so nere to help iff nede wer; and also I shuld be moche nerer them dayle to advertise them what I thoughte best to be done. And now the iron is hote it is tyme to stryke; wherfor most humble I beseche your grace I may know your pleseur therin, and vpon Ffryday or Saturday, with Godes grace, I shall set forwardes. And thus our Lord have your grace in his most blyssed tuicion. Scribed this Tewsdai at mydnyghte.

Yours most bownden,

T. NORFOLK.

To my lord legates gode grace.

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311. AGREEMENT between ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS, and CARDINAL WOLSEY, in regard to the Government of Scotland. 4th October 1524.¹

Articles divised, concluded and agrede bitwene the most reverende fader in God, the Lorde Thomas, Cardinal Archebisophe of Yorke, Legate de Latere, primate and Chaunceler of Englande, on the behalf of the kinges highenes of Englande and of Fraunce on the oon partie, and Archibalde, Erle of Angwishe, in the realme of Scotlande, on the other partie, for the suretie, weale and prosperite of the yonge King James of Scotlande.

FIRST, where as the said yong King of Scotland, being nephieu unto the kinges highenes, is nowe by the good avice, counsail and suplie of his grace, and by the feithful and loyal assistance and dexterite of the Quene of Scottes, moder to the said yong king, and of diverse noble men, spiritual and temporal, and other of the realme of Scotlande, erected and admytted unto his hiegle estate and dignite roial, the governement of hym self and of that his realme, and the suspecte tutele of the Duke of Albany clerely revoked, cassed and adnulled, aswel by the othe and promyse of diverse and many of the said lordes, as also by the auctorite of the Parliament of Scotlande; by meane wherof he is, God willing, delyverd from the apparant dangier that his person and life was in by reason of the said suspect tutele, and is broughte unto free libertie to ordre his people, realme and affaires, to his most honour, weale and suretie, wherin it shalbe expedient for his grace, being yet yonge, to have notable, sadde and substanciall counsail. Forasmuche as the kinges said highenes of Englande and of France, tendering as moche the suretie, exaltacion and prosperite of his derest and bestbeloved nephieu, the said King of Scottes, as can be divised, shal take righte grete joy and consolacion to here and understande that his said derest nephieu, thus delyverd from the immynent dangier that he was in, may be nowe not onoly preserved and contynued from any other like peril, but also trayned in noble, princely and vertuous maners, and his realme, nobles and subjectes prudently ordred and governed to his honour, the weale and incree of the same. For the helping and furtherance wherof, the said Erle of Angwishe, like a true and feithful subject to his soverain lorde, hath lately escaped oute of France, and is common unto the kinges highenes, offring hym self to put al his indeavour, furtheraunce and assistance to the kinges said vertuous, charitable and loving purpose. It is therefore divised, and the said

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Erle of Angwishe, by thadvice, counsail and consent of his broder, Sir George Douglas, knighte, hathe faithefully and assuredly promysed, bynding and oblyging him self by thise presentes upon his honour, fidelite and loyaltie to his prince, that he shalle accomplishe, observe and fulfill truely, feithfully, sincerely and withoute fraude or default, the articles hereafter folowing, whiche for his parte be mencioned to be observed.

First, the said Erle of Angwishe at his commyng into Scotland shal ratifie, conferme and approve, forasmuche as to his part, as oon of the noble men of the realme and parliament of Scotlande, shal or may appertain, the ereccion, taking forthe and contynuance of the said yonge King of Scottes into his oun governement, and the exclusion, revocacion and adnulling of the tutele and governance, whiche his person and realme was in, by the Duke of Albany, and shalbe contente to passe by writing, bande, othe, worde or otherwise, anything that shalbe requyred of hym for corroboracion therof, with his consent and agrement withoute delaye, excuse or tract of tyme.

Item, the said Erle of Angwishe shal, with alle his studie, counsail, power, frendes and partakers faithefully, truely and with effect serve, aide and supporte, maynteyn and defende the saide yonge King of Scottes, and his frendes, adherentes and partakers, in the contynuance of his said oun governement, as wel against the Frenche king, or any his adherentes, as against the Duke of Albany and his partakers, and against alle other of what nacion, countrey, degree, astate, dignite or haveour so ever they be, whom he shal with his power, mighte and frendes resist and withstande in any thing whiche may be procured, imagyned, compassed, laboured or done contrarie to the said ereccion and governement, and againte the contynuance therof, or in the favour of the Duke of Albany, or any other person of the Frenche faccioun.

Item, in case the said Duke of Albany shal fortune to retourne in to the realme of Scotlande at any tyme bifore the said yong king shalbe common unto his perfite and fulle age of xxi yeres, inasmuche as suche retурне can not sounde but the hurte and destruccion of the same yong king, the said Erle of Angwishe therfore shal wythe alle his power, frendes and partakers, employe and endevour hymself to resist and withstande the arrival of the said duke, and really and effectuelli shal procede against hym in assistance of suche as take or shal take the said yonge kinges parte in his said ereccion and his oun governement, expelling or repressing the said duke or his adherentes, either by batail or suche other way as shalbe founde most expedient thereunto, without ceacing or desisting

to persecute the said duke and his adherentes to the uttermost to their total expulsion and defeating, in such wise as the parson of the said yong king may in anywise be preserved and kept oute of their handes, possession and daungier.

Item, the said Erle of Angwishe shal never do, or procure to be donne, ne, as nigh as he may resist, shal suffre to be done or passed any acte or other thing in parliament, counsail or otherwise, whereby the ereccion and governement of the said yong king and realme of Scotland by hymself may be hyndred, revoked and deroged, or the tutele, governement or autorite of the Duke of Albany, or any other of the Frenche faccion, renewed or restored, but aswel by hymself, as by al those whiche he shal mowe adquire to his side and partie, shal fermely persist and contynue contrarious therunto, as to a loyal and true noble man to his prince shalle and dothe aperteyne.

Item, whither the said Duke of Albany shal fortune to retourne or not retourne in to the realme of Scotlande, the said Erle of Angwishe, who righte wel and discretly dothe perceyve and knowe howe the Frenche men, only for their oun weale, strenghte and commodite, do alwaies allure and drawe the kinges nobles and subiectes of Scotlande unto their devocion, procuring them unto werre and hostilite with Englande, whereby the realme of Scotland hathe suffred no smal hurte, dertrement, and dammage, shal, with al his wit, studie and power, conserve and kepe the said yong king from adhering, inclynyng or herkenyng into the ways of Fraunce, and from renewing, confermyng, treating or concluding any bandes, convencions, amyties, alliaances or intelligences with France, other then such as by the kinges highenes of England and France, unto whom the said yong king is in grete appearance and possibilite of succession, aswel to the realme of Englande as to his titles and pretences in France, shal be thoughte convenient; but to the best of his power shal, with his counsail, avice and other good and due meanes, resist and withstand the drawyng or inclynyng of the said yong king to any suche intelligence or devotion of France, and shal do his best at al tymes for increace of love, unite, concorde, comunion and adhering of the said yong king unto the amytie of Englande, putting al his helpe and furtherance to the increace of perfite intelligence and sincere love bitwene the kinges highenes of Englande and of France, and his said derest nephieu, the king of Scottes, the establishement, norishing, increace and contynuaua of perfite peax, concorde and perpetual amytie bitwene the bothe realmes, to the weale, honour, and increace of the same.

Item, the said erle shal, to the best of his power, norishe good ordre, quiet and justice upon the bordres of Scotlande within his oun landes, rules,

auctorities and governances, or whersoever he may further helpe or avaunce the same, wherby alle wrongful attemptates may be forborne, and if any be commytted, repressed and dulye refourmed, and, as ferre as in hym may lye, shal helpe to the correccion and punyshement of transgressours and malefactours of the bordres in tyme of peax or trieuix, as shall apperteyne.

Item, where there is displeasure conceyved by the kinges derest suster, the quene of Scottes, against the said Erle of Angwishe, whom it hathe pleased her grace to take unto her husbande, the said erle, humbly submytting and ordering hymself unto the said quene as to honour and congruence it dothe aperteyne, shal, by al the ways and meanes to hym possible, aswel by letteres, solicitacion of frendes and otherwise, studie and labour to attayne and recovere the grace, love and favour of the said quene, and for that purpose shal omyt nothing that conveniently may be done, using hymself in suche gentil and lowely maner unto her, with request and desire of remyssion of anything wherin he myghte be noted to have offended her grace, that by the same and suche other helpe and mediacion as the kinges highenes shal cause to be set forthe, he may the rather be reconciled to her said favour, and they to remayne and lyve in perfite love and charitie to the pleasour of God, their oun honours, and the weale of them selfis, and that realme of Scotlande; where as by the contrarye it shulde be bothe dishonourable and daungerous to them bothe, and no smal inconvenientis and trouble myghte therof ensue and arise in the said realme of Scotlande. For eschewing wherof the said erle feithfully promyttethe, and bindethe hym self by thise presentes, that he shal forbere and differre to comme unto the kinges courte of Scotlande, or unto the presence of the said quene, til suche tyme as she shalbe wel contented and licence hym so to do, but shal remayne in his oun country, and upon his oun landes withoute attempting any thing, by force or otherwise, that may be to the disturbance or empêchement of the said quene, in any auctorite, rule or governement whiche she hathe or shal have aboute the yong kinge, her sone, and in the causes, of that realme, ne shalle intromedle with any landes, goodes, patrymony or substance of hers, or in any other thing to her grace belonging or apperteyning by reason of her conjuncte feoffament or otherwise, ne also shal make any partie or bande against the said quene, or against her auctorite, but shal, with al his power, endevour himself to any thing that may sounde to her honour, reputacion, contentament, and conservacion in good estymacion and rule aboutes the said yong king, and the conducing, drawing, and leding of him to the love, devucion, and amyte of Englande, promysing and obliging himself also by thise presentes

that in al suche maters of differentes or displeasure as be or may be moved bitwene the said quene of Scottes and the said Erle of Angwishe, he shal at al tymes stonde to fulfil, perfourme and obeye suche ordre and direccion as the kinges said highenes of Englande and of France shal avise hym and thinke good and expedient, for pacificacion therof, and for the reintegracion of sincere and perfite love betwene the said quene of Scottes and hym, withoute declynyng or varying from anything whiche the kinges said highenes shal avise, desyre or wil hym to do concerningyng the same.

Semblably, where there is matier of variance bitwene the said Erle of Angwishe and the Erle of Arayne, which Erle of Arayne, like an honourable man hathe acquitted and demeaned hymself in the said erecion, the said Erle of Angwishe, having good consideracion to the direete and loyall proceeding of the said erle of Arayne, is contented at the contemplacion of the kinges said highenes, and for the more unite and quiet of the realme of Scotlandne, and the preservacion of the said yong king from any sinistre or daungerous adhering or leanyng to the faccion of France, to geve consent, ere and harkenyng to a loving and amycable composicion pacifying and ordering of al variantes and differentes depending bitwene the said erles, and to the remyting of al rancours, grudges and displeasures that is or hathe ben bitwene them for any cause and matier what soever it be ; promysing and bynding hymself by thise presentes, that he shal neither do ne procure, or by his wille, knowlege or consent suffre to be done or procured, any thing by way of hostilitie or otherwise for revenging or violent redresse of any different, gruge, variance or displeasour aforesaid ; ne shal studie, compasse or do thing to the dammage or hinderance of the said Erle of Arayne, or of his rule or auctorite, as longe as he shal adhere unto the said erecion, and shal tracte and drawe the said yong king from the wayes of France to peax, love and amyte with England, but rather shal concurre with hym in the same. And the said Erle of Arayne, doing the semblable for his partie, and being contente to comme unto suche concorde and agreement with the said Erle of Angwishe, the same Erle of Angwishe shal frenedly, charitably and lovingly demeane himself in al his proceedings with the Erle of Arreyne ; so as they ij joyned in oon good love and intelligence to assist the said erecion, to resist the Duke of Albany retorne into Scotland or the renewing of his governement, to kepe counsail and tracte the same yong kinge from herkenyng and adhering unto any bandes, confirmacions, treaties or innovations with France, and to conferme, drawe and conduce hym to the love and amyte of England, may, as good counsaillours and noble subjectes, either further

the others auctorite, and kyndely, lovingly and sincerely assiste the quene of Scottes in the semblable. By whose meanes togidres it is not to be doubted but, proceeding in this maner, the said yong king shalbe vertuously ordred and broughte up, justice administered in that realme, a substancialle counsail establisched aboutes his person of suche as wol be of the same good mynde, trayne and disposicion, the yonge king shalbe oute of the dangier of his enemyes, and the realme of Scotlande shal florise and daily increase in honour, weale, and profite, being also the said quene and ij erles, with al other that shal take that way, sure of the kinges supplie, aide, strenghte and assistance with men, money and counsail to the uttermost, against al those that wol attempt any thing to the contrary. And if either the said quene or Erle of Arayne shal take any other contrary way, the kinges highenes wol geve the said aid and supplie and assistance unto the Erle of Angwiche, defending him against them and al suche as wol take their parte; and at al seasons of necessite, being the said Erle of Angwiche not able to defende hym self againte them, wol receyve him into this his realme of Englande, and geve hym honourable entertainement as shal apperteyne, and also to suche other his frendes and kynnesfolkes as for the execucion of the premisses shalbe in suche peril or dangier.

Item, the said Erle of Angwiche, for the grete goodnes whiche he fyndeth in the kinges said highenes of Englande and of France, promysethe by thise presentes, that having the licence of his soverain lorde the King of Scottes so to do, he shal at alle tymes when the kinges highenes shal require hym, serve his grace with suche power as he may make, and take the parte of his grace against any prince or person what so ever he be, his said soverain lorde only excepte.

Finally, the said Erle of Angwiche, aswel in his ounre reconciliacion to the said quenes favour, as also in componyng of the variances and differentes bitwene him and the said Erle of Areyne, and in al other matiers concernyng either the bringing of the archebishop of Saint Andrews in to England, or the drawing of him from the devocion of the Duke of Albany and the Frenche partie, the furtherance of sending ambassadours in to England for conclusion of final peax, and in other his doinges, promysethe to folowe suche advice and counsail as shalbe geven unto him on the behalf of the kinges said highenes of Englande and of France, either by my lorde legate, the Duke of Norfolke, the Lord Daeres or other to be ordred, avised and guyded by the same, as oon whom the kinges highenes takethe and is mynded to use as a veray feithful and sincere frende to his grace, and a loyal and true noble man to his prince, having good cause and occasion, aswel for

the yong kinges sake as his oune, to be adverse unto the faccion of the Duke of Albany and Fraunce, and to leane and adhere to the love and amytie of Englande, considering the dammages and dishonours that the said Duke hathe done unto hym, and that he is so nere alied unto the kinges highenes of Englande and of France by mariage of his derest and best-beloved suster, whose exaltacion and furtherance must nedes be to the honour and profite of the said erle, like as her dammage or hinderance must nedes be to his hurte and detryment.

And in thyis his good, honourable and vertuous proceding he may be sure to have suche favour at the kinges hande of Englande and of France, who is mynded so largely to do for hym, that, God willing, he shal nede to leane, seke or adhere to none other prince lyving, but shal fynde his grace so benigne and bounteous unto hym, that besides the merites and thankes which he shal adquire hereby of the said yong King of Scottes, he shal have cause to think his doinges herein in the best wise employed and bestowed.

Alle whiche said articles, promyses, convencions and agreementes mencioned to be observed on the partie of the said Erle of Angwische, he promyseth and byndeth himself by thise presentes wel and truely, feithfully and sincerely, upon his feithe, honour, loyaltie and othe upon the holy evangelies, to observe, fulfil and accomplishe. Like as the said most reverende fadre hathe promised, that suche things as be mencioned to be don on the kinges partie shalbe semblably fulfilled and perfourmed accordingly. In witnessse wherof, the seid Erle to thise presentes hathe subscrivit his name, the iiijth day of October, the yere of our Lorde a thowsand fyfe hundred and foure and twenty, and of the reigne of the said king of England and of France the xvjth.

ARCHBALD, ERL OF ANGUSS.
GEORGE DOUGLASS.

312. THOMAS MAGNUS and ROGER RADCLIFF to CARDINAL WOLSEY,
respecting the return of Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus, to Scotland.
3d November 1524.¹

PLEAS it your grace to be advertised that albeit, by occasione of diffarring of tyme by the space of xvj dayes in sending vnto us of our sauf conduyt frome hennes to Newcastle, and in delaying of tyme by iijj daies sethenne our commyng hider, or that we couthe come to the presence of the yong king and the quenes grace, his moder, we have not acertayned your saide grace of any the matiers and causes

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

committed vnto our charge by the kingges highenes and your saide grace. Yet vpone suche good wordes and good counfort as we had, in many causes of the quenes saide grace, vpone Allhalowe Daye by a long season, we wroote and devised a letter yersterdaie to your saide grace whiche herynne inclosed we sende vnto the same, conteynnyng sondery thingges at large, myche for the tyme to our counforte, specially that the quenes grace was soe conformable in every thing touching the highe pleasur of the king, our maister, and that her grace was contente and pleased we shude write as is conteynned in our saide letter. And evene as we were at a point yersterdaie for the sending forwarde of a pooste withe our saide letter, the king sent for the horses, that the king, our maister, hathe sent vnto hym, and the quene desired us bothe to speke withe her grace. After the deliveray of the saide horses, well riddene, shewed and presented, gretely to the pleasur and counforte of the yong prince, and to the contentacion specially well of the noble parsonnages and commynnalty that were presente, the quenes grace did take us with her into her privea chamber, and in maner did clerely goe frome every thing that her grace did agre vnto the daye and nighte afore, as is conteynned in our saide other letter, soe that as yet we ar in noe suerty that her grace woll accomplissheth any gret parte of thoos matiers, but saith she woll make her frendes, and woll see for her self, trusting the king, her sonne, shalbe sufficiente to maynteyne her and her causes ayeinst the erle of Anguisse. And notwithstanding howe well her grace did accepte and ponder the king our maisters good advertismente, and the hoolsome counsaill of your grace for the weall and suretye bothe of the yong king, her sonne, and her self, and for the mayntenance and increas of thaire estates and honours, and also for the commene weall of the realme of Scotlande, her saide grace, not being highely contrarious ayeinst the commyng ynne of therle of Anguisse, remembryng the kingges saide advertisementes concerning that matier, but content by our poore advice to folowe the king our maisters pleasur in every thing, yet nowe her grace doothe myche moore ponder her oune will and mynde thenne the counsaile of any persone, onoles it be the counsaill of oone Harry Stewarde, a yong man aboute her grace, whiche kepethe, as is saide, all the seales and ordour eth all causes in suche a maner as is withoute any other counsaill aither of wisdome, honour, or reputacion; whiche Harry Stewarde, withe therle of Arrene, all of oone bande, broughte furth of warde the busshoppe of Saint Andrewes, the saide Harry having therfore xl li. lande Scottisshe. The saide quenes grace was well inclyned booth howe a good agremente moughte be betwene therle of Arrene and therle

of Anguishe, and for taking and admitting of good and sad counseile aboute her grace, and therupone expreste her advice, making a good purpoos touching the saide matiers, and for the sur bringgyng ynne of the saide Archebusshope to the devocion of Englande.

After that we departed frome the quenes grace vpone Allhalowe Daie at nighte, aboute vj of the clok, as we ar infourmed, the quene disclosued to the saide Harry every thing that we had concluded vpone all the daie afore, and that nighte righte late he went to the saide Archebusshope of Saint Andrewes and to other lordes, bothe the same nighte and in the mornynge after, and made gret sewtes, the secreteis wherof as yet we knowe not. But, as is afore saide, the quenes mynde is farre altered, as yet before it was, frome our purpoos, insomuche as her grace haithe direkte oute lettres to therle of Anguishe that he shall not ride nor goe above xl horses in his company vpone payne of treason, and a like injunctione is gevene to William Doglas, nowe in Coldingham, to avoide from oute of the same, whiche commaundementes, as we here, woll not be obeyed. And where the saide Archebusshope was of mynde to have had us twayne with hym to have commynned vpone sondery causes, he hath sent vnto us secretly, shewing he dar not medle myche withe us but if it be by the quenes commaundemente.

And, notwithstanding the premisses, yet the quenes grace saithe thambassadours shall come forwardes, but, as we here, thay woll not passe but if thay be fully autorised by the hooll body of parliamente aswell touching thaire instructions as commissions. As we understande, the parliamente shall begynne crastino Martini, and the quene saithe her grace doutethe of commyng of the lordes, and that she supposeth the many of thayme wolbe away. Withoute doute the mooste parte of Scotlande, as farre as we canne understande, be glad of the commyng ynne of therle of Anguishe, and righte fewe doe speke ayenste the same, but onoly a small soorte aboute the saide quenes grace, as the saide Harry Stewarde and some other his companions.

We shall doe the uttermooste of our poore wittes and litle powers for sending forwarde of the saide ambassadours, and shall applie us to the advauncemente of all other our affaeres committe vnto us by the leve of our Lorde God, whoe have your saide grace in his mooste blessed tuicion and governaunce. At Eddinburgh, the ij^{de} daye of November.—Your mooste humble preistes and bedemene,

T. MAGNUS.
ROGER RADCLYFFE.

U[nto m]y lorde legates g[ode g]race.

313. SIR CHRISTOPHER DACRE to ARCHIBALD, SIXTH EARL OF ANGUS,
respecting Meetings on the business of the Borders. 2d February
[1525].¹

MY Lorde, in humle manere I commende me to your good lordship, and has
grete meruelle that I never had worde ne aunswere frome your lordshippe of my
letre, ne of my lorde Dacrs letre, ne as yit can here no worde of my servaunt that
I didd sende to youe, but this daye has receyved a letre at Hexham frome my cousin,
Maister of Angus, your broder, declaring and shewing that your lordshippe had
writtene a letre to me for meating of youe at Caldstreme upone Setterdaye last
past, and for such grete busines as ye had ye could not be there the said daye
but sent my said cousin, your broder, for your excuse. My lorde, in myne
oppinyone, I thinke my said cousin, your broders writing to me sent is but fynes,
for of verey treuthe and fidelite I had neither worde ne writing frome your lord-
shippe, sens the sending of my said servaunt to youe, unto this writing come frome
your said broder to me, to my grete meruelle, seing that sens I sent my said
servaunt and writingis to youe I haif attended at Hexham upone your commyng
to Caldstreme, and upone warnyng of youre commyng had horsses redye to haif
commene to youe by post for the expedicione of our busines. Deasiring your
lordship hertile it wolle please youe to take pane to be at Caldstreme upone
Fridaye the xth daye of this moneth of Februarii, whereas, God willing, I shalle
not fail to mete youe, or els any oder daye of thisside the said Fridaye your
lordshippe wille appoynte, owder by worde or writing, upone warnyng gevene by
your said lordshippe to me; assuring youe that such writingis and credence as I
haif to shewe you I wille not declare theme to noone oder persone leving in
Scotland, but onelye to your owne self, as our Lorde kn[awis], who preserve your
good lordshippe. At Hexham, this our Ladys daye the purificatione at two of
the clok aftur noone.

Indorsed.—Coppie of Ser Christofer Dacres letter to the E. of Anguiss.
2d Februarii (*in a late hand*) 1525.

314. PATRICK SINCLAIR to CARDINAL WOLSEY, giving an account of affairs
in Scotland between King James the Fifth, the Earl of Angus, and
Queen Margaret. 21st October [1526].²

After maist hartlie and hwmyll recommendationis.

PLEIS zour graice to be advertist that I com in Scotland, the xxj day of Septem-

¹ From copy in British Museum, London.

² Public Record Office, London.

ber, and passit to the kingis hienes quhar he wes in Edinbrought accompanyd in quyet maner. The Erll of Angus, witht other the lordis quhilk as the gydying at this tym, wes at thayr besynes in the cuntry, and nane witht the kingis hienes exceppand George Dowgles, brother to the Erll of Angus. Efter my cummyng I past to the kingis hienes, my master, makand hartlie recommendationis fra the kingis hienes, his derrest onkil, and fra zour graice quhilk wes hartyly exceppit.

And tharefter I deliverit the letteris, quharaponne I desyrit his hienes that he wald heir the answer of the instructionis send be his hienes to his derrest onkill the kingis hienes of Ingland, and alsua instructionis send of gud mynd be zour graice to his hienes; quharapon I wes commandit be his hienes to remane quhill the cummyng of the lordis. And in this meynnym I schew his hienes how at Scottismen, his awin liegis, had maid ewill report in dyvers partis of his ewill maneris and conditionis, and that I hard of that sam witht nobillmen of Ingland, quhilk regratit witht greit displesour sik vices to be in his hienes, quham you estymet ther gretest frend withoutt the realme of Ingland. His hienes hard me witht hwymyll contynance, sumquhat eschamyt, witht litill answer, noct denyand his falt, bot ay mindit that the kingis hienes, his derrest onkill, and zour graice wor gud on to his moder.

The xiij day of October, the Erll of Angus, accompanyd witht his frendis, com to the town of Edinbrought, quhar the kingis hienes wes, and incontynent I past to the said Erll and present him zour graice letter, quharaponne he gaif me answer that he wald heyr my credence one the morne, the xv day of the said moneth : quharappon I waitit quhill his lordship had lasayr, and schew him how it wes schawin zour graice how he misgydit the kingis personn, and held him contrar his will, and wald nocth thoill the greit menn of his realme, sik as bischoppis, erllis, barownies to wait and do thar soverane service, bot accompanyd his hienes witht sik broking menn as dependit upon him, quhilk stopit all justice to be aisit, nocth takand heid to the kingis honouwr nor maneris, bot alanelry for his particuler prophet and his frendis.

I schew the said erll, gif he usit him efter that fassione as wes reportit, the kingis hienes and zour graice culd nor wald nocth be his frend. Bot the said erll to be witht the kingis hienes, his master, as one of the principall, witht the laif of the lordis of the realme to keip the kingis personn in honouwr and maneris, his realme in justice and quiet, amyte and luf betwex the realmis of Ingland and Scotland, in that behalf, the kingis hienes and zour graice wald be the said erlls frend, help and supple. To the quhilk he ansuerd that he dud na thing

bot for the weill of the king his master, and in his defens, and to stop broking menn fra the gettyng of the haill gydying about his master.

The xvij day of the said moneth the kingis hienes commandit the Erll of Angus to heyr the answer of the instructionis forsaid, witht zour gracis instructionis, quhar I cam and schew the sam befor the Erll of Angus and the lordis beyng thair for the tym.

Auintis the article send be the kingis hienes, my master, to the kingis hienes, his derrest onkill and broder, for his gud conseil and awis concernyng his mariage. In the answer of the said artikle, the kingis hienes and zour grace thocht expedient that honorabill inbassatowris suld be send in Ingland to treat for ane perpetuall peace, and than the kingis hienes wald opyn his hart mayr largely towardt his nepho.

The caus consyderit of the sam, the lordis present for the tym referryt all the answeris quhill the parliament, quhilk will begyne the xij day of November, quhar is greit thingis dewisit to be dressit, as forfawturis of sik as wes in contrar thyr lordis now abowt the king, and to dewis ane conseill tharefter abowt the kingis hienes, witht other mony materis, quhilk zour graice salbe advertist quhenn thai ar surly knawin.

And quhar zour graice wrait to the kingis hienes, my master, for the remwyng fra his moder of anne zowng personaige, called Stewart, quhilk instruction I schew to his hienes, and that the king, his derrest onkill, desyris was to haif it donne, the kingis hienes answered that his moder had donn it all reddy.

Pleis zour graice, thus is the maner efter the slawchter of the Erll of Lenox. The king, witht the lordis beand with his hienes, the Erll of Angus, ane principall, past and tuk the castell of Sterlyng, quhilk wes kepit of the quenis namme, and thairefter, be apontment, the Erll of Angus gart deliver the said castell to the queyne, and scho is bowun to put owt of hyr cumpany Hare Stewart and his brother James, quha is nocht knawin planlye with hyr grace zit. Pleis zur grace to be advertist, thar is ane fynell concord tretit betweu the queynis grace and the Erll of Angus, that scho may haif ane caus of dyvors, and he nocht to stand in the contrary na defend be no maner of way, and for this scho dois gret thingis and folowis mekle his desyr, and suld bynd hyr that scho sall nocht lawbowr nor solist for the Archbischop of Sanctandres, and divers other quhilk he names, and at the said queyne sall be gydit be the conseil of him and his frendis. How this mater takis effek, zour graice sall be advertist mar planlye.

And quhar it pleisit zour graice to inquyr at me at my departyng fra zour

gracie, gif it war needful to send ane Inglishmann, servand of the kingis hienes, be zour graicis gud mynd, to help to set downne thir contraryatis and displesowris in this realme ; praying zour graice to pardon me to schaw my pure apponzone, gif thair suld cum sikh ane derekkit to the kingis hienes heyr, and war nocht for his moder, than war it his displesour ; and gif it war for the quenis caus and plesour, than suld you nocht be hard, nor get audiens as zit. Quharfor zour graice wisdum may consyder quhat is to be donne, besekyng zour graice to pardon me of my simpill wit that writis sa hamly my pure oponzonne and awys to zour graice ; bot my gud mynd makis me hamly to writ, as God knawis, quha preserwe zour graice ewyr in graice and honour. At Caldstrem, the xxj day of October.

Be zowr humell servant,

To my lord legatis grace.

PATRYK SYNGCLAR.

315. THE SAME TO THE SAME, further as to Scottish affairs. 3d January
[1527].¹

Effter maist hartlie and humile recommendationis.

PLESIT zour grace to be advertisit that quhar in my last vritingis, datit at Cald-streme the xxj day of October, referrit in anne part the answer of the kingis instructionis to the parliament, quhill held and beganne the xij day of November, quhar I presentit al the instructionis send be the kingis hienes, my master, to the kingis hienes, his derrest ounkile and brother, and the answeris of the samyne, quharuponn I desirit instantlie at the lordis of counsale, and specialie at my lorde of Angus, to caus answer to be send to the kingis hienes of Ingland quhar it ves nedfule, and in conclusione I culd get na finale answer in the said materis bot differente.

Plesit zour grace, tuichinge the thingis principalie concernynge this realme instantlie occurrand and haistelie apperand to occur. Thus it is as I vrait to zour grace in my foirnemmyt last vritingis tuichinge the poyn特 of a grante betuix the qweine and my lorde of Angus, that mater is concludit and endit, and scho is with the kingis grace, hyr sonn, and his grace is mekile accounsalit be hyr. Quharof I dreid, as evidentlie apperis, salcum to his grace bath dishonor and disprofett, for scho is helie set contrary the kingis hienes, her brother, and zour grace.

And now, laithle, be hyr labor and solistatione and hir parttakaris, hes cerconvenit the erle of Angus and his frendis, and maide tham to assent that the

¹ Public Record Office, London.

Archibishop of Santandres be with the kingis hienes, as he is nou at the datinge of the instant writ. Quharthrow, to my simpile vit, apperis evidentlie ane change in this court, and specialie the destructione of the Erl of Angus. And, in conclusione, al wtheris presumyt be hyr to favor or luf the kingis hienes of Inglande, or zour grace, to be out of credence, gif scho and the Archibischop of Santandres haif to prosper in thayr malicius and perversit opinionis.

Quhar zour gracie visdomme lychtie may consider the apperand skayth, dampnagis and expensis to cwm thairuponn, and remeid the sammyne with provision befoir the tym, quhilk efterwart may noct be done but gret expensis and infinite laboris. And as to my pwor and simpil diserition apperis, zour grace may caus the Erle of Angus to put remeid for the premissis in tyme, for gif he and his be sa misfortunat as to be put fra the kingis hienes perforce, as veil apperis to be, thann sale he hawe na refugis to seik help at the kingis hienes of Inglande and zour grace. Quharuponn, for falt of tymus provisione, gif it plesit the kingis hienes of Inglande, and zour grace, to be the Erl of Angus protectione and menteinans salbe gret cost, expensis, and wehement laboris, and paraventour engender now occasione of weyr and truble, quhilk is zit remedable, gif provision be maide in tym tharefor be zour gracie visdomme.

And quhar zour grace, in zour instructionis send to the kingis hienes my master, desirit his hienes to remuif Harry Steuart fra the queine, his mother, for dyvers causys, and in speciale for his veil and honour, plesit zour grace scho estymeis zour gracie counsalle in that poynt gevin to the kingis hienes, hyr sounre, mayr contrarius her weile and profett nor al the extorsionis, evillis and dampnagis that evyr the Duk of Albane did to hyr. For scho is uterlie gidit and rewlit be the counsale of the said Harry and dois na thinge by his awice, howbeit he be noct present with hyr in court. And scho hes gevin him the castel of Strevelinge and the lordschyp of the sammyne to answer hym at his plesour and desires. Besekand zour grace to apperdone my simpilnes that I amme sa planne in my writingis, bot the luf and favoris quhilk I have to my maister and the kingis hienes, his onnkile, and zour grace, and my unrefrenabile harts desyr to have al zour myndis wnyt and at ane, constrenit my hand to writ familiary, noct regardinge my awine simpilnes as I awcht to do.¹

And quhar zour gracie in zour instruktiones send to the kingis henes, my master, dysiritt hys henes to ramwf Hare Stuart fra the quen, hys mother, for dyvers cawsys and in speciall for hyr veil and honor, plesyt zour gracie scho estemes zour grases

¹ From this point the letter is holograph of Sinclair, and repeats what is above written.

cunsell in that poynt gewen to the kyngis henes, hyr sun, mar contrare hyr well and profet nor all the extortiones, ewillis and dampnagis that ever the Duk of Albane did to hyr, for scho is wterly gydyt and rewlit be the cunsell of the sayd Hare, and dois na theng by hys awys, how be it he is not prasent with hyr in curt, and scho has gewen hym the castell of Sterlyng, and the lordshep of the samyn to ansur hym at his plesur and desyris, quhar he remanys now.

The caus quharfor I wos salang in wrytyng to zour gras wes to behald and knew how the quen and the beschop of Santandres be had than in the curt, and to say to that effek, the sayd quen and beschop behafwys tham sa he that I trow it sall be sun knowin, and to gret dyspl[e]sur thar, with quham to it well fall, God knawis. I can na mar, bot my gud mynd and pur serwys sall be at the pl[e]sur of zour gras, well God, quha haf zour nobell gras in kepyng. At Berwek, the iij day of Januar, be zour humell serwent,

PATRYK SYNGCLAR.

To my lord Cardenellis gras.

316. A DECLARATION by FRIAR ANDREW CAIRNS of the Order of Observantines in Scotland, as to affairs between King James the Fifth and Archibald, sixth Earl of Angus. [November 1528.]¹

BE it kend til all and sindrij quhome to it refferis that my lord umquhill of Anguss desirit us, Freire Andro Cairnis, minister of the Freires Minoris Observantis of Scotland, be diverss wrtingis, till laubour and solliste the kingis hienes of Scotland for gude wayis and concord to be had betuix the kingis grace and the said lord, praying us finalie to present his wrtingis to the kingis hienes, quhais tenour followis: Sir, in my maist lawlie maner I commend my humyle service to zour hienes. Empleosit zour grace to call to remembrance the faithfull service, lawlie obedience, and grete offeris, proceding of trew hart and mynd, that my sempilnes has maid, and diverss tymes causit to be maid unto zour hienes in sike sort that neine subject nor servand mychte offore maire obediently to his soverane and prince, nor purpose maire somelie to observe the same. Howbeit in gud faithe I nevire faltit agains zour hienes, as I sall ansuere to God, nother in word nore deide. And thought I purchest the reueiste of your derrest uncle, the kingis grace of Ingland, it was na causs of displessour, considering I was sa extremlie done to, nocth alanelrie at I had soucht supplicatione of zour derrest uncle, bot alsua of all Cristyne princis. And quhaire my offeris are repute generale,

¹ Original in British Museum.

schire, plesit zour hienes, quhome I and all at I have is in zour handis, zour grace may dispoune in speciale therapoune, as zour hienes thinkis maist expedient, and misteris nocht to move ane armye to zour houss of Temptalloun, for it and all the laif salbe and is at zour command, and I at your gracis will to pass quahaire plesis zour hienes, and my gudis to be at your disposicioune, sa I may be restorit agane to my honor and heretage, and assurit of my life; for withoute honour I ware nocht abill to serf zour hienes nore name uther prince. Maist humlie beseking zour hienes till accepte thire my lawlie offeris and trew service, and ressave my sempilneis in favour, quhilk will redound to zour hie honour, lawd and price throw all the wrold, that is sa gracious and mercifull prince to zour subjectis and servandis, and gif zour hienes wald be maire humane and favorable to me than is above writtin I mycht maik the better service. Schire, I pray God conserve your maist noble persone, and lang life and gude heile. Writtin at your abbay of Coldinghamme, this Wednesday, at nyght.

Quhilkis beand red, the king, with aviss and counsale of his lordis, accepte the forsaid offeris, the lordis makand ane decree for the observing of every punte desirit be the said erle in this said writting, sa that he observe and keptit every puntte above punttit. And for the maire securite the kingis hienes, tuichand his breist, promist [in verbo regio] till observe his said desiris, sa that he keptit all his forsaid promittis. The quhilk decree we send to the said erle one the Friday, and ressavit this writing send fra him one the Setterday thereafter. Fader, I commend me hertlie to zow, and this Friday I ressavit zour diverss writingis and advertismentis, and understandis thai same. And quahaire ze write to delivere my houss of Temptalloun incontinent to quhat persons the kingis grace plesis, and to fulfill the remanent of my writingis, I am contentit to fulfill and byd at all the promittis of my writingis, my desiris contenit therin beand fulfillit to me; and that ane to be endit with that tother. And quhare ze say I may causs my eme, broder and frendis mak sike offeris for thaire selfis as I do for me, ze sall understand that the haile quarrell is myne, and na divisioun amangis me and thame. And gif I mak ony way for my self, verray nocht allanerly mene I have thame contenit therin, bot alsua or I leif furth the leist lad at perteins to me I had levire nevire have heretage in Scotland. And as for the deliverance of thire mene ze desire, sa all uther thingis be fulfillit that mater salbe endit amangis the laif. Praying zow to thank all gude frendis that has done for me, and I thank zow rycht gretle and sall reward zow, helping God, quha preserve zow eternale. Writtin at Coldinghamme in haist this Friday at nyght. Subscrivit, Zouris, Archibald, Erle

of Anguss. Thire ar the verray copeis of the letteres send to the kingis hienes and our sempilnes, quhilkis at the desire of the maist reverend fader in God, Gavyne, Archibishope of Glasgow, Chancellare, and lordis of the counsale of Scotland and my lord ambassatour, Archidene of Este Riddene, to the maist nobble and excellent prince, Harry, King of Ingland, quhilkis we testifie be our aune subscriptioune. Fordire, howbeit the erlis writing spak allanerly for hymself, never the les the kingis hienes desirit be us promist to ressave his kynne and frendis in the same sort sa that thai wald mak siklike offeris for thame self as the said erle maid for hymself.

FFRER ANDRO CAYRNISSE, minister provincial of
the Freyr Minoris in Scotland, with our hand.

Ffrer Andro Cayrniss appreviss the word on the tother syd in verbo regio.¹

317. THOMAS MAGNUS to MR. ADAM OTTERBURN. The affars of the Earl
of Angus. 2d December [1528]. [Copy].²

MYNE oun good maister Otterbourne, with all my harte I recommaunde me unto youe, and doubte not but ye being well remembred of our commynncacion whenne we were here togader, and of the contynne of my letters lately sente to the kinggis grace, youre soveraine lorde, wolle consider what is to be doone for therle of Anguisshe, in suche wise that theffete of the king my maisters letters, as afore I have writtene, be not totally posteponed, pretermytted, and clerely retourned voyde withoute any good effect. Practise youe, and I shalle doe for my parte to devise somyche as may be, the honour of bothe the kinggis our maisters saved, and that noe moore occasione of ingratitudo and unkindenes doe rise one your party, thenne shalle of ours. A clere negative, or denyall, or ansuer made to noe better effecte, in suche a case as this is, and betwene suche twoe grete princes conyonned by proxymyte of blode, litell lesse in degree thenne betwene the fader and sonne, is not honourable nor in any wise effectuall, many reasons considered as afore have bene bothe written and spoken. I assure youe ye knowe my poore mynde in this matier, and that for the good and perfite love I bere to the kinggis grace, your maister, I am moore mynded to labour in this cause thenne for any affection I bere to the saide erle, or that the king my maister berethe any favour erthely unto hym, otherwaise thenne I have shewed to youe and written to the said king your maister. It wolde be to grete a thing that

¹ The words "in verbo regio" were inserted in the margin.

² Public Record Office, London.

shulde be denied betwene these twoe kinggis, ye shall doe well to procure that aither oone waye or other we may accorde for the pleasure and honour of bothe the princes as nighe as we canne, or may bring the matier to somme purpos. I write the moore effectually unto youe, by cause I have not seeme any frutefull answer in this behalve frome any of youe, my lordes and maisters. Thus ever harteley, fare ye welle. At Barwik, the seconde daye of December.

318. STEVEN GARDINER to CARDINAL WOLSEY, as to money to be given to the Earl of Angus, and his interview with the King. Barnet, 12th August [1529].¹

PLEASITHE it your grace to vnderstande, that yesternighte I shewed vnto the kinges highenes such resolution as your grace hathe taken with therle of Anguishe, whiche liked his grace very wel, and specially in the maner of delyvering them such money as his highenes geveth them for ther entertainement, that is to say, to be delyvered without mention of yerely entertainement, with a certain somme as your grace had divised, with that also, that your grace delyver the said money vnto them there bifore ther repare vnto his highenes, to thintent they maye geve thankes vnto his grace therfor; but to augment the portion of Archebolde that it shulde be a hundred powndes, the kinges highenes cannot be by me persuaded. His grace is content to sende a gentileman, and not resolvynge himselfe, ne directly denying to sende. The capitain of Barwik thinkithe Master Ratclyfe a very mete personage; I had noo convenient laysour to speke thereof at lenght.

As towching the cummyng of therle to take his leave at the kinges highenes, his grace wolde that this daye, by none, the said erle shulde repare to the towne of Barnet, and there bayting in summe inne, whiche to be here appointed, I have spokene to Master Controller. My Lord of Norfolke shal geve knowlege vnto him where he shall repare vnto the kinges highenes. I shulde have cumme myselfe, but the kinges highenes specially commaunded me to tary. I shewed and communicated al thing to my Lord of Norfolke, who liked al thing very wel.

Thus I pray Almighty God to preserve your good grace. At Barnet this Thursday.

Your graces most humble and dayly bedeman,

STEVEN GARDYNER.

To my lorde legate's good grace.

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

319. KING JAMES THE FIFTH of Scotland to his uncle, KING HENRY VIII. of England. State of the Borders. 20th November 1532.¹

RICHT excellent, richt hie and mychty prince, our derrest uncle and brother, in our maist hertlie maner we recommend ws unto zou. Signifiand to the samyne that, sene the receipt of zour last lettres presentit to ws be our servitour, Dingval pursevant, declarand that the caus of sending certane vageouris to zour bordouris wes noct to ennoy nor molest our subjectis, bot to defend zour liegis fra reiffis and spulzeis allegit to be committit be ouris forment thame, and to recover the samyne, for lake of justice we have lattin to do ony thing sene syne; for we being advertist of zour departing of zour realme of befor, for the luyff and favour we bwir unto zou, and to schaw the samyne evidentlie, at that tyme wer mair inclinit to caus gud reul and ordour be observit and kept aponn our bordouris forment zouris in zour absence, rather thane ze had bene present; and, for puttinge of the samyne to dew executionne be justice, we gaiff strait command to all our wardanis and officiaris of our bordouris, and speciallie to our wardanis of our eist and myddil marchis, quhair that maist complante wes of committing of attemptatis, that thai suld reforme the samyne be ordour of justice. And to see that the samyne wer substancialy done, we send our familiar servitouris, James Colvil of Eist Wemis, our comptrollar, and Thomas Scot of Petgorno, gentilman of our hous, berer heirof, to be present wyth our saidis officiaris to caus the samyne be done. Quhair uponn thai did continually remane twenty days, and in this meyn tyme zour officiaris being requirit be ouris to sett and appointe days of meting, denyit planelie to do the samyne wythout doing of sic inconveniencis that on na vis mycht nor culd be granttit to. And at the last, the Erle of Northumberland, wardane of zour said eist and myddil marchis, wrait opynlie to our traist cousin and counsalour, James, Erle of Murray, quhame we made wardane of our eist and myddil marchis forment zouris, as maist convenient tharfor, that he wald keip na diett of meting be him self nor his deputis, allegeand that he wes inhibit to do the samyne. And sua the denyall and recusationn of justice stud halelie in zour officiaris, as we suppose zour traist servitouris, schiris Richert Tempest, Arthure Darsy, and William Everis, knychtis, thre of the capitanis and gidarlis of zour said vageouris, cane testifie, being examyt tharuponne. And nocthwithstanding the refus of nonadministrationn of justice be zour said officiaris aponn zour part, zour liegis of Tyndale and Riddisdale, and utheris of zour said eist and myddil marchis and speciallie zour vageouris of Berwik, being ondre the cuyr and reul of the said

¹ Original in Public Record Office, London.

Erle of Northumberland, and capitane tharof, accompanit wyth the Douglassis, our rebellis, mair cruellie thane of befor, of verray sett purpos as we beleiff to breke the peace standing betuix zou and ws, has committit sene syne maist detestable and notorius crimes, be burnyng of kirklandes, cornis and otheris, murdering and burnyng of our trew liegis wythin the silence of nyght, quhilk we culd noct glaidlie have sufferit nor borne wyth our honour, heryng the lamentable clamour and complante of our peple, war noctz our absence furthe of our realme; bot persever- and constantlie in our naturale luyff and favour towart zou, hes patientlie ourluket the samyne odious injuris and wrangis to our returnyng. Quharof we thocht necessair to advertis zou or the peace suld dissolve or pas to ruptour ony vis, for our part traisting that now efter our resorting to our realme that ze wil luke sua aponn the mater, aponn the consideracionis forsaid, that gud and dew redres may be had heirof be justice for our part, lik as we sall noct fail to caus be done for ouris heifor. Derrest uncle and brother, we pray zou to reduce to our memory the hertly and luffying wordis of our humanite and kindnes schewin unto ws in our les age and infancy, oftymes rehersit be zou in our divers writingis send to ws, in preservationne of our personn fra perellis thane apperand, that now at our perfyt age, quhene we ar of puissance and strenthe in our personn and liegis to recompence and acquyt ws to zou of our gud deid and towartnes schewin to ws during our minorite, and als ar of intair mynd to accompleis the samyne, that ze will noct suffir it pas to oblivion for our part, throu the perversit and vikit laboris of evil personis, ymaginaris of baith our displesouris, contrare the natural knot of our blud, to the inestimable harme and skaithe of baith our realmes and liegis tharof, and schew zou ane faithfull and kynd uncle unto ws, lik as semblablie we sall gif ws ane trew and afald nepho to zou, in all thai thingis that ma nuris and foster amite and frendschip, to be sinceirly keptit betuix ws to the pleasure of God, that haiste remedie may be put heirto for stanching of the enormiteis daylie committit be reformacionne of justice. And to informe zou mair amplie in all thir materis, we will send our said servitour, Thomas Scot, berer heirof, sufficientlie instrukkit, to quhome it will pleis zou gif ferme credence as to our self.

Richt excellent, richt hie and mychty prince, our derrest uncle and brother, we pray God have zou in keping. Gevin onder our signet at our burgh of Edinburghe, the tuenty day of Novembre, and of our regine the tuenty zeir.—
Your lovyng brother and nephо,

JAMES R.

To the ryght excellent, ryght hie and mychty prince, our derrest uncle and brother, the King of Ingland.

320. SIR BRIAN TUKE to THOMAS CROMWELL, Secretary of State. As to
money paid to the Earl of Angus. 26th May 1534.

RIGHT honourable, in most herty maner I recommande me unto you. Sir, I have receyved your lettres, dated yesterday, wherin ye advertise me the kingis pleasur to pay to A. Duglas incontinently al suche money as is due to hym, which he saith is v^e marc. Sir, I knowe wel ye meane the Erle of Angwisch money. In whiche mater my folkis that have spoken with you have not riped you so wel as they shulde. For, sir, I never had warant or commandment to pay any yerely somme to the said Erle, but at suche tymes as he hathe bene paid at my handis, it hathe bene by special warant or commandment for that tyme onely, so that I can not say or justifie that any peny is due to hym. But I perceyve by my clerk, Alane Hawte, that he willed hym to advertise me the kingis pleasur that the said Erle, in suche money as he hathe receyved of me sens the first day of September, the xxjth yere of the kingis reigne, shalbe alowed of v^e marc, to be taken to hym by way of rewarde, and that from the last day of July the said xxjth yere to the same day the xxiiijth yere he shalbe alowed after m^l mark by yere, and from thens forthe til I shal have commandment in writing to the contrary after the rate of m^l li. by yere, and so to be paid from half yere to half yere. Upon whiche knowlege by you to my said clerk to be advertised of the kingis pleasur, I have geven ordre to pay hym v^e mark this nyzt or to morowe erly. Wherfore, sir, if ye meane not thus, I beseche you let this beret geve Alane Hawte monycion to the contrary, for I wer lothe to offend the on way or the other. Alane Hawte advertised me your pleasur was he shulde devise a warant to this purpose, the copie wherof he sent me, and I reformed it in suche thingis as wer nede. But the signatur of the warant is not the thing that I so moche make hast of as I do to know the certaynte of your mynde. For as your letter renneth there is no thing due to hym, but if the kingis pleasur be he shalbe paid, and alowed after the rate aforesaid, thene is there due by that reckenyng at the first of February last v^e marc. At al aventures I wol pay hym. For so I take to be the kingis pleasur. Thus, sir, I beseche Jhesu preserve you. At Havering, this Tuseday in Whitsonweke, 1534.

Intierly at your commandment,

BRIAN TUKE.

To the ryght honourable M. Thomas Cromwel, the kingis principal secretary, &c.

321. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND, to her brother, KING HENRY THE EIGHTH OF ENGLAND, respecting her daughter, Lady Margaret Douglas. 12th August 1536.

DERREST brothyr, In our mast hertly maner we recommend ws unto zour grace. Ples zow understand we ar informyt latly that our dochtyr, Margaret Dowglas, suld, by zour grace avys, promes to mary lord Thomas Howard, and that zour grace is displesseyt that sche suld promes or dissyr syk thyng, and that zour grace is delyverit to pwnes my dochtyr and zour neyr cosynes to extrem rygour, quhilke we may way can beleif, consyderyng sche is our naturall dochtyr, zour nepotas, and systyr naturall unto the kyng our derrest son, zour nephow, quhay wyll nocth beleif that zour grace wyll do syk exstremyte apon zour awn, ours, and hys, beand so tender tyll ws all thre as our naturall dochtyr is. Derrest brothyr, we besek your grace, of systyrly kyndnes and naturall luf we bere, and that ze awcht tyll ws, zour only systyr, to haif compassyon and pete of ws, your systyr, and of our naturall dochtyr and systyr to the kyng, our onyly son, and zour derrest nephow, and to grant our said dochtyr Margaret zour grace, pardon, grace, and fawor, and remyty of syk as zour grace has put to hyr charge. And gif it ples zour grace to be contant sche cum in Scotland, swa that in tym cummyng sche sall nevyr cum in zour grace presens. And this, derrest brothyr, we in our mast hertly, effectwus, tendyr maner mast specyally and mast hummilly besekis zour grace to do, as we dout nocth zour wysdom wyll thynk to zour honer, sen this our request is deyr and tender tyll ws, the gentyl-womans naturall modyr, and we zour naturall systyr, that makis this petuos and mast hummilly request. Forther, ples zour grace, this berar wyll inform. And the eternall God consarf zour grace as we wald be our self. Writin of Perth this xij of August be

Zour grace mast lovyng systyr,

MARGARET R.

To the ryght excellent ryght hie & mychty prince, and oure derrest brothir,
the king of Ingland, &c., &c.

322. THE SAME to THE SAME, respecting her divorce from Henry, Lord Methven. 16th October 1537.¹

DERYST brother the kyng, in my most humble manner I recommend me to your grace, whom plesye to vyt that sen the departyng of Mastar Sadlar I have bene

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gretly in to troubyl, and is so zet, and I cowd get non to vryt vyth vhos now the vysche is varray heffy to me, standen in the cace that I am in, for your grace schal ondarstond that the sentens of devors betwyxt me and the lord of Meffen suld have bene gyffyn and prononcyd vyth in fyftyne days effeter the departyng of Mastar Sadlar, notwithstanding the king, my [soon], has stpyid the sam, and vol not lat it be prononcyd, and four and fourty famos pryves hath provedyd befoor the Jouge, and for no labor nor solyssynn that is posybyl to me, my soon vol not doo it, and for thys cawses, as he leges, that I vold pas in Ingland and marry hym that vas Erll of Angus, and thys Harry Stewart, lord off Meffen, cawsys hym to beleffe thys of me alsoo. Deryst brother, I have gyffin to the king, my son, my vyttale off Donbar, whiche is four and fyfty chaders of vettal, and I get lytyl profet for the sam, vysche is bot fyf hundredth markes Scotyse mony, notvythstondeng I trustyd to have had the kyng, my soon, the moor kynde to me as he promysed me to have bene; bot I fynde the contrar dayly, for I am dayle holdyn in gret troubyl, and not answerid nor obayd of my howsys and landes, bot every day there comyht nu charges. In good fayth, deryst brother, I had sewer be deed or I var intretyd as I am, for I am holdyn in gret suspecyon, that non dar doo for me, besecheng your grace to have consyderacyon of me your only syster, and that thys rawlme may ondarstond as longe as I haf your grace that ze vol not sufar me to be wrongyd, for it is your gracys honnor. And consyder also that I have made no fawt nor cause to be troubyld, bot all onely throw my ewel vyllars, the lord of Meffen and hys brother, and there can no faut be found to me but ewer Ingland castyn apon me, the vysche I thynke my best, and ewer schal. I inswr your grace, deryst brother, and the kyng, my soon, and thys raulme vyst that ze vold be dysplesyd that I var ewel intretyd, it vold be remedyd hastely; vherefor I besche your grace to lat theme know, and that it comes nowht of my schoweng to you, bot that it is knoun opynly or otharvays I may not lyf at plesur. Also, deryst brother, I besche your grace that ze vol cause the king, my soon, to lat my sentens be prononcyd, the vysche is both conteneyd and vryten fyf monieths by past, and ze daying thys for me to put me owt of dayly trobly, your grace schal be suir that I schal nower have a housbond whol I lyff, bot lyf honorably to your honor and myne. And vyth owt I get remedy I vol pas to som relygeous place and byde vyth them, or be intretyd as I am. And for my gret comfort I beseche your [grace] that ze vol make som erand in thys raullme vyth som specyall sarwande of yaurs vyth all delygence that may be, for vyth owt that I vol get no remedy, for my lord of Meffen cawsys the king, my son, to beleffe as longe as he

is on partie, and the sentens ongyffine, that he schal take ope my landes and vol gyff them owr to the kyng for som plesur to hym. Your grace schal ondardost I have not a place to dwell in bot in to a towne, vysche is gretly to your dyshonior that I, your systar, schwld be so intretyd. I can not vryt as I hafe cause, bot I reffar me to your grace, and that thys my sayd vryteng be secretly keped for my dystrokeyon, and them ze send in thys raullme that your grace vol plesse to send to me, for it may doo me gret plesur and profet, and have I not your helpe and suple I schal not set by thys wold as it vol be sene on me. No moor at thys tyme, but God presaufe you. Vryten at Dwnde, the saxten day of Octobar.

Your louffeng systar,

MARGARET R.

To the kynges grace my derryst brothar.

323. INSTRUCTIONS by KING HENRY THE EIGHTH to SIR RALPH SADLER,
Ambassador in Scotland, as to Scottish affairs, 14th April 1543.¹

HENRY R.

TRUSTIE and right-welbelovid, we greet yow well; and by the contynne of your lettres of the vjth of this presentis do perceyve such conference as yow have had with the Erle of Anguishe, the Lord Maxwell and Sir George Douglas, touchinge the effect of our lettres addressid unto yow the xxxth of Marche. Wherein we especially note howe the sayd Douglas affirmithe he is free of all such promesses as the rest, lyke men, as he sayth, which knewe not what they did, ne were able to perfourme the same, have promised unto us; which wordes he hath used to yow and others, in sundry communications heertofore, and was yeat never aunswerid to them. And also howe they would excuse theim selves of their slake dealinges towards us, by that there was a Gouvernour named before their comminge home, joyninge ther withall howe they be there devydid into two partyes, naminge the Erles of Argile, Murray, Huntlye and Bothwell, with all the bishope and clergy of the realme, and their partakers to be of the one, which be all gyven to the cast of Fraunce, and the Gouvernour, with the Erles of Anguishe, Glencarne, Cassells, and the Lord Maxwell, with their freindes, to be of the other party, which, the said Douglas sayth, be gyven to the cast of England.

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Second. The fiklenes and inconstancy which they note to be in the Gouvernour, wherby they seeme to feare his revolt to the adverse party, beinge for Fraunce, in case he should be any thinge pressed for our purpose, consyderinge howe the Erle of Huntley, beinge a cheif fautor of that parte, and others of that sort, have liberty to insynuate theim selves unto him, and to put in his eare what he and his band shall thincke expedient for them. And finally, the arryvall of the Erle of Lynox, with his wordes and the facion of his proceedinge sythens his cominge home, as Sir George Douglas reportith the same. For aunswere wherunto yow shall understand that consyderinge in what incertayne termes those matters stand at this presente, and myndinge, as you may perceyve by our former lettres, to discipher the ground of their ententes to theme, we may therupon direct our affayres as apperteynith. Our pleasure is that yow shall, uppon the recepte hereof, take oportunitie to conferre eftstones with the sayd Douglas and the rest signified in our sayd former letters, towchinge the state of the matters betweene us and Scotland.

And, first, when yow shall take occasion to provoke the sayd Sir George Douglas to repeate the wordes by him so often spoken, touchinge his liberty and freedome, from all the promises made by his brother, and those that were heare our prisoners, wherupon he shall eftstones utter the same, yow shall, as it were of your self, tell him playnely and in a franck manner, that yow have beene sory to heare him so often speake of that sort as he hath done, implyenge in effect, as though he ought us neither suyte nor service, but at his pleasure, where in deed your self knowith that no man (his brother exceptid) hathe made so large promises unto us as he hath donne, who hath heretofore bound him self without condition to be and remayne for ever our true and faythfull subject. And yow may say that yow have heard credibly that even at his last repaire in to those partyes, when he spake with us in the lodge in the parke at Windesour, he did not onely repeate unto our self his bonde and promesse in that behalfe, but also spake unto us many other thinges, as touchinge the crowne of Scotland, with such lyke thinges which be of to great importaunce to be nowe so farre out of his memory that he may conveniently say that he hath not promysed so largely as the rest, where in deed his promises be farre larger. And therefore yow may tell him that your advyse and counsaill is that he leave that kynd of language, and that he apply him self to accomplishe that which he hath promysed, and specially whilst he is in that place and authority that he may do as he list, which hath no such certayntie of contynuaunce but it may alter ere he be ware, unlesse he way

thinges otherwyse then he doth yeat, and prevent the daungers by gettinge the holdes into their handes, and the followinge and settinge foorth of our purposes in such sort, wherin consistith his honour and suretye as we may se bothe he and the rest mynd in deed that they have sayd and promised unto us.

Second. Where they labour all to excuse theim selves unto us concerninge the omittinge of their sayd promises by the election of their Gouvernour before their retorne, and enter into Scotland, declaringe ther withall that they rest at this presente devyded in the two parties before specified. To that, yow may aunswere that the naminge of the Gouvernour before their entre cann be none excuse to theim yf their proceedinges heerafter do not redubbre that which hath beene omitted. Forlyke as they cannot be charged with these thinges which were donne before their retorne, howe so ever the same way for or against our purposes, so it cannot be avoydid; but the establishment of him to be Gouvernour and second personne of the realme by Act of Parliament, wherunto they gave their voyces, was directly against their promesse. Neverthelesse, yow may say that yow perceyve we take that excuse in good part, havinge a certayne opinion that their doinges heerafter shall declare that it was in deed against their myndes to consent unto it yf it might have beene at that tyme otherwyse framed. And as to their division into two parties, yow may say that as they speake it, so we knowe it in deed to be such as they had neede to have speciall regard unto it. For if their aduers party may by any meanes, fayre or foule, prevale against theim, let theim make a sure accompte and reconninge that they shall shortly so smart for it as shalbe to their confusions, which, if they be wyse men, havinge this warninge, they will foresee and prevent in tyme, havinge nowe the place and authority to do it, which, beinge not taken in season, may be forethought when it shalbe to late to repent it. And where they all note inconstancy in the Gouvernour, yow may tell theim that if he be a man of that disposition they had the more neede to have an eye unto him, and to gyve him the better advyse and counsell what is expedient for him also to consydre in that parte; wherin they may use this division of partieys for Fraunce and England, with the difference betwene him and the clergye, and others in relligion, and for a meane to induce him bothe to stand fast to our partie and beware of those which be gyven to the contrary faction. And uppon this ground they may devyse with him that what face so ever the sayd Gouvernor shall take outwardly, as though he made them all prey to his proceedinges, it shalbe most necessary for him that he shall elect only fyve or six such personnes to be used in his secret matters, for it may be inculked to him that if he should

chaunce to revolt to the other partye, he may be sure that the bishopes and clergye, withe their partakers, knowinge his disposition and opinion as they doe, will shortly dispatch him, yea, perchaunce, when he shall thincke him self safest emonge them, which shall also followe at lenght though he relent not to theim, yf he make those which be assured of their party prevye to theire secrete ententes and proceedinges; which two thinges well impressed into his heade shall not onely confirme him in his good disposition towardes us, but also shall cause him to gyve lesse credytle to the Erle of Huntley and those, which for the onely achievinge of their owne purposes, wold seeme nowe for the tyme to be most assured unto him.

Further, yow shall say unto theim that it shalbe most necesary they use all the meanes that they cann to induce the Gouvernour, in the name of the Quene, to demand of the Erle of Lenox the castell of Donbretayne, wherby he shall even nowe at the sayd Erles entre thorowly discifre howe he is disposed. For if he refuse to delyver it, or shall devyse to delyver it to such handes as he may be sure will kepe it for him, it shall easely appeere what he entendith. In which case the Gouvernour demaunderinge it in the Quenes name, as is aforesayd, may justly make his quarell, and proceede against him for the certayne atteyninge of the same, as shalbe thought most convenient. And whether it shalbe gotten with his goodwill or against his will, yow must earnestly perswade the sayd Erle of Anguishe and the rest that one of theim, or one of their assured freindes, may gett the kepinge of it, which we thincke most fettest for the Erle of Glencarne, consyderinge his experyence, and howe properly he lyeth for it, which yf they cann compasse, they shall doe a thinge muche to the surety. For yow may say unto theim that we specially desyre that they should way thorowly the lightnesse and inconstancy which they all affirme to be in their Governor, and howe that if he should torne his tippet, thoughe it shoulde in the ende be undoubtedly to his owne confusion, yeat they which have promysed to serve us and meane best to that contrry, might be sure to be first defeatid, unlesse they provyde so in tyme as yf he would be so madde to cast himself away, they might bothe save them selves and kepe some partyes of the contrry in a stay for us till we might send our power to releive theim, which thinge they shall by no meane compasse but onely by plantinge of theim selves or their assured friendes in the stonge holdes and fortresses. And therfore, lyke as the Erle of Anguish hath Tentallon in his handes, which we doubt not he will see surely garded, so must they travayle with all their possible power and dexterite to gett the sayd Donbrittan and also Donbar, Edinborough

and Sterlinge into some of their handes, or into th'andes of such as be most assured unto theim, as is aforesayd; and then, howsoever the game goe, they shalbe able bothe to serve us and to save theim selves, and be assured in the end to receyve at our handes great honour and benefitte. Which thinges our pleasure is yow shall with all dexteritye set foorth one our behalf unto theim, wherby if they have any consyderation of thinges, they shall perceyve that we tender theim, and would be right loth to loose any one of theim yf we may possibly by our good advyse preserve theim; pressinge theim in the end earnestly and effectually to followe the same, and what aunswere they shall make, and howe they shall proceede, wherunto yow shall requyre them to make yow from tyme to tyme preyv, yow shall gyve us speedy advertisement accordingly.

Furthermore, yow shall understand that the ambassadours of Scotland had accesse to our presence one Wednesday last, and delyverid unto us letters from the Gouvernour, conteyninge generally the overtur of the contract of the mariage and the perpetuall peace, with further credence as by the copy of the sayd lettres which yow shall receyve heerwith, you shall perceyve. And forasmuche as they pressed not to make eny further declaration unto us, but onely stood with good wordes upon the sayd two poyntes expressed in the lettres, we dismissed theim and referrid theim for their further conference to the particularrities of their matters to our counsell, withe whome they dyned one Thursday last, and after dynner our sayd counsaill declarid unto theim the effect of the letters which they presentid unto us, and howe it had pleased us that the further openinge of the matters should be emongst theim, requyringe theim therfore that it might lyke theim to proceede in the same with us accordingly. Wherupon they produced two commissions, made in the Quenes name, and sealid with her great seale, and also with the Gouvernours seale, and subscribed with his owne hand, the one conteyninge power and athonry to contract the maryage, and to determyne of the custody of the Quenes personne, the other to conclude the peace, with a blynd clause of liberty to renownce all other leagues contrary to this which they desire. Upon the readinge of which two commissions it was told theim by our sayd counsaill, that they well perceyvid wherunto the sayd commissions tendid, neverthelesse for that the same were longe, and such as were not in all thinges conceyvid after the accustomed manner, and could not therfore thorowly and in every poynt be well conceyved at the first readinge, they put theim in remembraunce howe that their letters conteynid credence, besydes the poyntes conteyned, bothe in the letters and the sayd commissions, requyringe theim, in case they had

eny speciall credence besydes, that it might lyke theim first to declare unto theim the same to the entent they might advertise us of it. Wherunto they aunswerid they had none but such as dependid uppon the two poyntes conteynid in the sayd lettres.

And then Sir James Leyrmonth made a certayne declaration of the Gouvernours goodwill towardeus us, and howe of this humanitye (as he callid it) he had lefte the maryage of their yonge Quene, which he might have had for his sonne yf he would have folowid it, to satisfye us and in respect of the commonwealth of ther realme. And after him Mr. Benevys made a certayne discours of their desyre to this alyaunce and amitie, framinge his tale, nevertheless, as though it had beene desyred by us, wherin was some alteration emongst theim, and the matter playnly opened howe it was movid by the presenters upon th'ande of God, which happenid uppon their apprehention. And beinge these things brought to scilence, our counsayle begann agayne, and reuyred them to declare franchly the particularities of the two poyntes conteynid in their commissions, to the enttent they might in lyke manner advertise us of the same. Wherunto they aunswerid—First, That they had power to contract the mariage and to capitulate that it should not only be confirmed by their parliament, but also that all the nobles of Scotland shall gyve their seals for the perfourmaunce of the same, with this condition, that their Quene shall not departe out of their realme till she be of the full age to consummate her matrymony. And as to her education, they offred that we should, at our pleasure, appoyn two knightes and two ladyes of England to be about her personne, addinge heerunto that they would have the Gouvernour that is nowe, to be Gouvernour of that realme duringe her minority, and also after for tearme of his lyf, and that they would have a Gouvernour of the birth of that realme ever after, at their owne election, with the free use of their owne lawes and customes, and also the cheif holdes of Scotland not to be delyverid till she had yssue of our sonne.

Second, They sayd they had power to contract the peace till she should come to lawfull age, or for forty, three score, or a hundrith yeares, or to make it perpetuall, and in the same to leave out the provision of Fraunce, which in the last treaty they would not consent to have in any wyse omitted. To this it was aunswerid by our counsaill that they were sory to perceyve their commission to be so slender, for as to the first, they sayd, they sawe smale surety in the bare contract without other assuraunce then they spake of, and that it was to absurde, and might not stand with the office of a kinge, either to have any man placed in

his realme as a Governour but such as he should appoynt under him, or to have eny part of his dominion apperteyninge to him in other handes then he should appoynt and thincke convenient. And as to the second, our counsaill asked them whether they would not renownce their leagues with Fraunce and become freind to freind and enemy to enemy. Wherunto they aunswerid that they would not medle with Fraunce, but they might not entre such a part as might testifie that they determined playne enimity against them. Which things heard, our counsaill told them they would enfourme us of the same, and so for that tyme they departed. And beinge the premisses immediatly signified unto us by our counsaill, we resolved that they should yesterday meet agayne with the sayd embassadours at Westminster and declare unto them playnely that, beinge enfoured of their purpose holden one Thursday, and consyderinge well the poyntes and effect of the same, we were sory to perceyve that they proceedid no more frankly with us, and to advertise them resoluteley to what poynt we would growe in these matters.

First, it was told them that we cann be well contentid to accept the contract with the assuraunce of their parliament and noble mens seales uppon the same, so as we may have the chylde delyverid at convenient tyme afre into our handis. At which poynt we stood awhile with theim, and perceyvinge theim to sticke sore at that, then came we to this poynte, to have pledges in the meane seasonne delyverid unto us bothe for the same and for the peace, and such personages, bothe of England and Scotland to be about her personne, as we shall thincke for her better education and surety convenient. For it should not be convenient for us to put the maryage of our sonne in suspence, who is a prynce to be desyred for the daughter of any kinge in Christendome, unlesse we might have better assuraunce then bare wordis and wrytingis that this agreement should, God willinge, take certayne effect, neither shall it be meet that he be matched with any personaige but such as may before have some knowledge of the nouriture and facion of this contry. And as to the Governour, it was aunswerid that we, havinge a regard to his towardnes and good will towards us, with his zeale to the wealth of that contry, could be content that he, contynewinge in the same good sort, should have the rule and gouvernement of the contry duringe her minority, and after, under us and our sonne, if he use him self as apperteynith. And lyke wyse we could be content to elect such a Scottish man to have the gouvernement after, under us and our sayd sonne, appoyntinge to him suche counsellors as we shall thincke convenient, which is as much as cann in this case be desyred, unlesse they would in deed prescribe a gouvernement to their kinge and goverour which the nature

of his place and office can in no wyse admitt or suffre, ne we will in any wyse be otherwyse bound unto theim then is specified. And lykewyse we cann be pleased that they shall contynue their lawes and customes, and this we resolved for the first poynte, and that their cheif holdes should by consent be committed to such Scottishe mens kepings as we should thincke meete for the same.

To the second it was aunswerid, that if they would contract a perpetuall peace, and in the same bynd bothe parties to be freind to freind and enemy to enemy, we would gladly goe thorowe with it, which, howsoever this thinge should chaunce, must needes be most beneficall to theim, beinge our amitie the most propice for theim of any in Christendom ; and yeat by this part they shall not seeme specially to covenant against Fraunce, ne to do any thinge but the cause of this league consyderid must needes appere most honest, and for theim most beneficall and necessary. And thus we resolved for the second poynte. Wherunto they aunswerid that they could not conclude thorowly in all those things without advertisement, desyringe respite to wryte home for that purpose, which was graunted them, so as the certayne aunswere therof might be accelerated. There was somme reasoninge betwene theim and our counsell in the debatinge of this matter touchinge the title to Scotland, which was spoken of by reasone of a request they made, that yf she should dy without yssue, the realme should remayne to the next heyre of bloode there, wherby they would have had us made an entayle, which should have employed a graunt that there rested in us no right to that realme ; but it was so quickly cast of, and our title so vively repeatid, that that matter fell. And fynally, they desyred to have our resolution in wrytinge, offringe to goe with it or to send it for the more expedition and better framinge of all things to our purpose, which we graunted, and therupon delyverid them a sechedule, the copy wherof yow shall receyve, to th'entent yow may in expresse wordes joyne with theim in the matter of the same.

Nowe yow may perceyve in what termes we stande with theim, and howe reasonably and playnely we proceede so as we may growe to any lykelihode of certaynty, wherunto our pleasure is yow shall, with all your wysdome and dexterity, presse bothe the Gouvernour and the rest of our freindes there, to condescend so as we may therin be satisfied. And as for the Gouvernour, yow may inculke unto him that by our last he may perceyve that we favour him in such sort as whether this maryage should take effect or no, he and his sonne must needes receyve great honour and benefitt at our handes, yf he proceede freiundly and honorably with us, advysinge him therfore not to deceyve him self

with vague expectacion, or with the flatteringe wordes of such as would purcase his ryune, what soever countenanunce [*sic*] they make to him, but nowe to take the tyme whilst tyme servith, wherin he shall shewe him self a wyse man, and do speciall good office to his contry, in avoydinge th'extremities which will other wyse undoubtedly ensue of their refusal to come to reason in these matters. And yf yow shall perceyve that they mynd to satisfy us, yow shall then procure of your self that some noble men may be assigned to come hither to the strykinge up of the matter, doinge all that yow can to gett th'erlis of Murray and Huntley, and the bishop of Aberdyne, to be appointed to joyne in commission with these men heere for the same, to whome, in that case, our cousyn of Suffolke shall gyve sure passeport. For the which we have caused our counsail to wryte specially to him, desyringe and prayeinge yow nowe to stirre and to use all your wysdomme to conduce this matter to such end as we desyre, and to remove and stay, as much as in yow is, all such impedimentes and lettes as yow shall perceyve be against the same. And howe yow shall proceed heerin, and what is lyke to flowe heirof, we requyre yow to advertise us from tyme to tyme with all possible diligence. Yeven under our signet, at our manour of St James, the xxiiijth of April, the xxxvijth yeare of our reigne, at vj in the night.

To our trusty and welbelovid counsellour, Sir Raulf Sadler, knight, one of our principall secretaryes, and our commissioner in Scotland.

324. THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF ENGLAND to THE SAME. [1st May 1543.]¹

MR. SADLEYR, after our most harty commendation, these shalbe to advertise that the kingis majestie hathe receivid your lettres of the xxvjth of the last moneth, and by the same doth aswell perceyve the effect of suche conferencis as you have lately had with the Governor and therles of Anguishe, Glencarne and Cassellis, and the Lordis Maxwell and Somervile, as what aunswere shall of lightlewood be even unto his gracis articles lately delyvered to thambassadore heire, your proceedingis wherin like as his Majestie taketh in very good and thankful parte, soo his highnes hath commanded us taunswere the same, and further to signefie his mynde and pleasyr to yow as followethe:—

Fyrst, his Majesties pleasyr is that, calling unto yow the sayd Erles of Anguishe,

¹ Original in the Public Record Office, London. This paper, first written as from the king, was subsequently altered and much scored and interlined as proceeding from the council. In some instances the "we" altered has the wrong person.

Glencarne and Cassellis, and the sayd lordes Maxwell and Somervile, and also Syr George Douglas, if yow think he be fast for his highnes partie, yow shall saye unto them that by aunswere from the counsail to your last lettres, in the which yow signefied suche conferencis as had passed betwen yow and them with their ernest determynacionis, if this matyer shal come to force, to serve his Majestie like true gentlemen according to their promesses, yow be commanded on his highnes behalfe to yeve unto them his most harty thankis, and to assure them that contynueng of that good mynde and determynacion towardis his grace; wherof his Majestie doubt[eth] not, his highnes will not fayle both tassist them for the tyme of busines in suche sorte as they shalbe hable to defend themselfis and to doo him service agaynst all men that wold maligne the same, and also his grace woll afre so considre their services as they and their posterite shall have cause to saye that they have served a good master. For in them, yow maye saye, his highnes doth repose a speciall trust and confidence, and in his graces hart doth repute them men of that honour and trouth, that his grace hath determyned to use their counsaillis and advises in all his procedingis for those matyers, which his grace doubteth not but they woll sincerely yeve unto him; and not only kepe the same secrete, but also put themselfis from tyme to tyme in suche ordre as they maye be hable to serve him according to their promises and his expectation, wherunto they shall lack neither money nor any other present ayde that might in any cace or sodeyne event helpe them in the same.

Seconde, yow shall saye unto them that his Majestie hathe considered the poyntes of thaunswere, which is like as they reported unto yow to be made unto him, and moche his Majestie mervaillith what the Governor shuld meane to vary in the same so farre from his graces demandis. Nevertheles, his highnes having debatid the same with us of his counsail, hathe commanded us to signifie unto yow that his Majestie canne be content to come to suche pointes as be conteyned in tharticles herin enclosed, whiche articles his highnes pleasure is yow shal of yourself open to the said Erles of Angushe, Glencarn and Cassellis, and the lordis Maxwell and Somerville and Sir George Doglas, sayeng that yow think surely by such advertisement as yow receive that his Majestie will com to them if they com on redily to him; requiring them therin to waye and consider the same, and to doo what in them is to induce the Governor and the rest to agre upon them, soo that they presse his highnes to no further: for yow think assuredly that onles they shal understande to these articles without further alteration his grace woll folowe his enterprise with force, wherof as many as be wise men can easily consider what

inconveniences may ensue that may nowe be avoyded. And beeng the said articles opened and declared yow shal further saye unto them, that like as yow have nowe frankly opened unto them thuttermost pointes wherunto yow think his Majestie woll agre in these matiers, soo yow be commanded on his Majesties behalf frankly to declare unto them that his Majestie, perceiving these thinges to procede soo frowardly, dothe put himself in ordre to performe his enterprise perforce, if gentlenes and good handeling woll not serve for the same. And, therfor, his Majestie desirethe them to yeve him nowe their best advise how it shalbe most mete for him to procede if the matyer come to force, and where and at what tyme, place, and with what nombres of men it shalbe most mete for his Majestie to entre, and where they woll joyne with his Majesties force, and what nombres of men they shall think they shalbe sure to have stande fast with them at the tyme of thentre of the said force, and what ayde they shal nede or desyre in the meane season, whiche their advise his Majestie desirethe them to sende unto him in writinges subscribed with their handes accordingly, being moche desirous to have it by the next post that shall come from yow after the receipt of these lettres.

Further, yow shall saye unto them that his Majestie, considering in what termes these thinges doo stande at this present, doo most harty require them, in the meane season, tyl his force shal arryve, to kepe themselfes together in force and strenght, and to have suche an assured and contynual watche on the yong Quenes person as they may be sure that she be not in the meane season conveyed from Lythgo, and also that they ordre all their proceedings soo as they may be masters of Edinburgh and of the Lithe, doing also what they can that the Governor start not from them, for the which purpose they shal have money sufficient ministred unto them.

Seconde, they shall doo what in them is possible by good meanes to get summe of their assured frendes in the strong holdes, that the same may be in the more towardnes to be rendred at tharryvall of the sayd force, and they shal also travail to get them as many frendes as they can procure, specially of the men of honour and good estate. And where the Lord Somervile reporteth that therle of Murrey is of a good inclynacion towards his highnes, his Majesties pleasure is that yow shall require the sayd Lord Somervile tascerteyn the said Erle that his grace takethe it in good parte. And if it shall like him to signifie his good mynde therin to his highnes by his oun letters, yow may assure the Lord Somervile, and himself also, if yow shall chaunce to comen with him in it, that,

contynming in dede in that disposicion, he shall fynde his Majestie agayn a prince of that honour and liberalitie towardes him as he shall have good cause to be gladde for in tyme cumming.

Further, his Majesties pleasure is that in this secrete conference with therles and lordes before specified yow shall declare unto them, as of yourself, with a greate request of secrecye, that if Scotland com to utteraunce with his Majestie all Scotland shall immediatly be banished of all their trade and entreprise in all themperours domynyons. For yow may be assured there is a newe leage lately made betwene his Majestie and themperour, oone article wherof is that thennemyes of either prince shalbe banished and forbydden all trafique and entrecours in thotherys domynyons, which, if it shuld come to passe, yow may saye it wold be suche a warre amonges themselves as shuld undoubtedly be to their greate undoinges, and therfore yow wold wishe thise extremities might be avoyded.

And where yow write that the cardynall sheweth himself still moche desirous to speake with yow, his highnes pleasure is that, if he come to Edinburgh, yow shall speake with him according to his desire, or if he come not, yet when this business shalbe doon that yow may have any laisour, yow shall repayre to him to St Andrewes. And when yow shall have hard him at lenght, yow shall of your self remembre and inculce unto him the great commodities that might ensue by their leaving of Fraunce, and the uniteng of thise two realmes, together with the commodities of the contrary partie, and yow shall adde to it of yourself, that yow thinke it wolde be harte to perswade him to leave Fraunce, because he hath there a bishopriche, but yow may say that yow knowe the clemencye and kindnes of his Majesties nature to be suche that if he woll frankly worke and shewe himself to have more regarde in thise thinges to the commen w[eill] then to his pryuate commodities, and in respect therof set his benefice in Fraunce at nought, yow doubt not but he shuld shortly have as good or a better bishopriche then that is in Englande, wherein, if he will frankly and frendly byd yow, yow wold work for him and be his ministre. And what yow shall do in all the premisses, his Majestie desirethe yow tadvertise him with all diligence.

Fynally, forasmuche as therle of Lenoux is nowe there, his Majesties pleasure is that yow shal remembre to move the lordes, which be assured unto him, to cause the Governour, if they can by any meane induce him to it, to demande the castle of Dumbrayne of him in the Quenes name, according to his graces former instruicions gyven unto yow in that behalf, so as if it be possible it may be conveyed unto the custodie of therle of Glencarn, or elles that by meane

of his refusall therof, the Governor maye the rather savour what he [and others] that stande for Fraunce doo meane, and the better tapplie himself towardeis his highnes accordingly.

325. SIR GEORGE DOUGLAS of Pittendreich to KING HENRY THE EIGHTH.
20th June 1544.¹

RYCHT hi, excellent and mychti prince, after my most bonding duete of service onto your grace, besyking the same to call to your most gracius remembranse the grit gudnes shawit to my simpilnes be your hynes, I not abil to disarre the same but of your grit gudnes, praying God to recompense your Majestie, and I, as aue of your servandis, sall be always redde to the uttirmest of my lytil powr, as this present berir, the laird of Brunston, will declare unto your Majeste, whom it will plais to give credence; and what service your Majeste will command me with, sall be ridde to the uttirmest of my powr, as knawis the eternal God, who preserve your Majeste. At North Berwiche, the 20 June, be your graces most humbill servitir,

GEORGE DOUGLAS.

326. ARTICLES of AGREEMENT between JAMES, DUKE OF CHATELHERAULT,
his son the EARL OF ARRAN, and the EARLS OF ANGUS AND
MORTON. Edinburgh, 30th May 1560.²

The articlis, heidis and conditionis promittit be the richt noble and michty lordis, James, Duke of Chattellarault, etc., secund person of the realme of Scotland, and James, Erle of Arrane, Lord Hammiltoun, etc., his sone and apperand air, to be done and fulfillit to the noble and michty lordis, Archibald, Erle of Angus, Lord Dowglas, etc., and James, Erle of Mortoun, Lord of Dalkeith, etc.

In the first, my said lord Duke, my lady his spous, and my Lord of Arrane, thair sone, sall renunce all maner of titill, actioun or pretence thai haue, or may haif, in and to the erldome of Mortoun, lordschip and regalitie of Dalkeith, or ony paift thairof, benefices, reversionis, or vther quhatsumeuir richt or priuelege belanging thairto, in fauouris of my Lord of Mortoun and his airis of taillie specifit in his infestment, or vtheris his airis maill to be nemmit be him, and sall

¹ Original in Charter-chest of the Duke of Hamilton.

² Original penes William Fraser, LL.D., Edinburgh.

transfer all richt thai haue or may haif thairto *titulo oneroso*, in the said Erle of Mortoun and airis foirsaidis and assignais; and sall mak quhatsumeuir richt or securitie heirupoun, in the maist sure maner as the said Erle and his freindis plesis best to devise, nocht onelie be the wayis before nemmit, bot be all vther maner of way that thai or ony of thame can furthir the said Erle to the peceable and heretale brouking of the said leving of the erldome of Mortoun, lordship and regalitie of Dalketh, and euery pairt, pertinee, and preuilege thairof, in the maist ample and sure maner, as it sall pleis the said Erle and his freindis to devise; and ay, as occasioune sall serue, sall renew thair titillis and securiteis heirupoun in sic formes and als oft as the said Erle or his airis foirsaidis or assignais sall devise.

Item, in caise it sal happen my said lord Duke, my Lord of Arrane, his sone, or ather of thame or ony vtheris thair successouris and eftercumaris be the prouision of God to cum to the croun of Scotland, thay sall incontinent thaireftir gif and grant to Archibald, Erle of Angus, and his airis of taillie to be nemmit be him and his freindis, ane new infektment of all and sindry the landis, lordschippis, baronys and regaliteis of the leving of the hous of Angus, with tenentis, tenandrys, seruice of fre tenentis, aduocatioun, donation and richt of patronage of kirkis, benefices and chapellanriis thairof and all thair pendilis and pertinentis; and sall extend the said infektment in the maist large and sure forme that cane be diuisit for thair securite, with suppleing of all faltis, alsuele in speciaill as generall, and disponand all maner of richt, titill or interes, alsuele petitour as possessour, that thai haif or sal-happen to haif thairto, and sall renew the said infektment or mak ony vther securitie of the said leving in faouris of the said Erle Archibald and his airis foirsaidis, successouris and assignais als oft and in quhatsumeuir maner and formes, as he or his airis foirsaidis and thair freindis sall pleis to devise, swa that he and thai may peceable brouk and jois the said leving as thair heritage.

Item, in caise before specifit, my saidis lordis Duke and of Arrane, and thair successouris and eftercumaris, incontinent after that thai or ony of thame sal happen tocum to the croun of Scotland as said is, sall gift and grant to the said James, Erle of Mortoun, and his airis maill contenit in his infektment, or ony vtheris to be nemmit be him, his airis or successouris, ane new infektment of all and sindry the erldome of Mortoun, lordship and regalitie of Dalkeith, propirtie and tenandrie, with aduocatioun, donatioun and rycht of patronage of kirkis, benefices, and chapellanriis thairof, and all thair pertinentis, and sall extend the said infektment in the best, maist large and sure forme that can be diuisit be the

said Erle, his airis foirsaidis or successouris, and thair freindis, for thair securitie thairof, with suppleing of all faltis, alsuele in speciall as generall, and disponand all maner of richt, titill or interes quhatsumeuir, alsuele petitour as possessor, that thai haue or salhappin to haif or pretend to haif thairto or ony pairet thairof, be ony maner of way, alsuele concernynge the propirtie and tenandrie of the said leving, as the reuersionis and heretale rycht thairof, and sall renew the said infectment, or mak vther securitie of the said leving in fauouris of the said Erle of Mortoun, his airis foirsaidis, successouris and assignais, als oft and in quhatsumeuir maner and formes as the said Erle or his airis and thair freindis sall pleis to devise, swa that he and thai may peceabille brouk and jois the said leving as their heretage.

Item, my saidis lordis Duke and of Arrane, thair airis, successouris and eftercumaris sall, be thame selfis, thair kin, freindis, assistaris and pairttakaris, fortefy, manteine, defend and supple the saidis Erlis of Angus and of Mortoun, and thair airis foirsaidis and successouris, in the peceable brouking, joising and mantenyng of thair levingis and houssis of Angus and Mortoun respective, aganis quhatsumeuir personis or personis that wald or salhappin to moif pley, actioun or truble to thame or ather of thame thairupoun, in the law or by the law, and in speciaill aganis Margaret Dowglas, spous to Matho, sumtyme Erle of Leuenax, and hir said spous, thair airis, successouris and all vtheris, in maner as the saidis Erlis and thair successouris sall require my saidis lordis Duke and of Arrane and thair airis or successouris thairvpoun, and sall fortefy, manteine and defend the saidis Erlis of Angus and of Mortoun, thair kin, freindis, assistaris and pairttakaris, in all and sindry thair actionis and caussis, honest and lefull, aganis all deidlie, and tak part with thame thairintill.

Item, my saidis lordis Duke and of Arrane hes fundin the lordis of Counsell and vtheris, noblemen and baronis vndersubscriuand, cautionaris and sourteis for thame, to the saidis Erlis of Angus and of Mortoun, for fulfilling to thame and thair airis before specifit, successouris and assignais, of all and sindry the heidis articlis and conditionis before expremit, in euery point, part and pas thairof; In witnes of the quhilke thing my saidis lordis Duke and of Arrane, togidder with the saidis lordis of Counsell and vtheris noblemen cautionaris foirsaidis, hes subscriuitt thir presentis with thair handis as followis, At Edinburgh, the penult day of Mai, the yeir of God I^mvc and thre scoir yeiris.

JAMES.

JAMES HAMMYLTOUN.

327. ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF ENGLAND, to [JOHN, EARL OF MAR, REGENT OF SCOTLAND], respecting intrigues by Mary, Queen of Scots, and in reference to Margaret, Countess of Lennox, 2d October 1571.¹

RIGHT trusty and right welbeloued cousin, we greete you weill. Where by your lettres sent to vs by William Steward, and presented to vs by him and James Cunningham, you haue signified to vs the reasonable cause of your forbearing to write any sooner after the death of our cousin the Earle of Lennox, late Regent there, whose soule God haue in his keeping ; we haue very well allowed of your excuse for the delaye. And, seing it pleased God to call our said cousin to his mercy, we are right glad that the choice hath bene so good for the weale of that realm and preseruation of our deerest cousin the king, as to name you to the place of Regent, for that surely we think none coulde haue bene namyd in that realm more plausible to that nation, nor more meete for the charge ; although we know well your selfe of good wisdom wolde haue forborn it. And as to such thingis as by James Cunningham haue been mouid to vs, and by our Marshall of Berwik, Sir William Drury, also reported to vs from you, we haue had consideration therof. And althothe before this tyme we had an earnest desire that the King there shulde be preseruid, howsoever matters might haue bene accorded by treaty for the Queene his mother, yet now we haue very lately, by Goddes goodnes, discouered suche pernicious practises of the said Queene against vs, our person and state, as we are necessarily occasionid and so fully, by aduice of our counsell, resoluid not to deale any furder by treatie or otherwyse in her fauour to haue any rule by our meanes to the preiudice of her sonnes estate, assuring ourselfes that Almighty God (by whose only goodnes, as it weare miraculously, we haue discouered these late dangers), will contynue his fauour towards vs and staye heir furder procedings, that tended to the subuersion of Christian religion professed in our realmes, and to the setting on fire both the realmes with warres, by bringing into the same of powers of strangers. And therfore, howsoeuer, we weare before this tyme disposed to haue treated for her, being, as we now see, therin abused by her and her ministers, you may be assured that therin we meane not to giue you cause to doubte of our intention to the trouble of that estate, and for furder dealing in your fauours, to help you to an vniuersall quyetnes by a generall obedience to the King. According as we understand that all the three estatis of that realm (a few only excepted) haue now in the last parlement

¹ Original letter in the Charter-chest of the Earl of Mar and Kellie. Address wanting.

accorded, we meane that you shall be made Prince therof, presently from our said Marshall of Barwik, and, as soone after as may be, by our cousin the Lord of Hunsden, our gouernour there, who is appointed presently to repaire thither, and shall haue powre to create and conclude with you and the rest of the nobilitie of suche thingis as may tend to the common repose of both the realmes. And where this bearer, Mr. Cunningham, hath abydden long heere, since the receipte of your lettres, we require you not to impute the same to him, but to the occasions that we haue had to be occupied in other maters with our Counsell, as we could not sooner expedite him with our lettres.

Your lovinge frende,

ELIZABETH R.

Postscriptum.—Aloughue we doubtē not but you will haue good regarde to all suche causes as may concerne the state of our deere cousin, the Lady Margaret, late wyfe to the Erle of Lennox, as well for her own particular interestis, as for the benefitt and aduancement of the house of Lennox, yet we can not but, both for the naturall affection we beare to her, and our good will to the house of Lennox, and contynuance of the same, most hartely require you to shew to all suche as shall sollicite her causes there, both for her selfe and for the weale of the house, suche fauorable hearing of them and suche expedition in the effectuall answearing thereof to their contention, as we may therby perceave that recommendacion hathe in some parte pleased her. And furdermore, we think it very reasonable to keepe you in good remembrance that all suche as have alredy bene found parties and accessaries to the death of our said cousin of Lennox, the late Regent, or that heerafter shall be founde anywise participant therof, being not allready executed, may be with all seueritie punished to the example and terror of any suche like mischefe to be deuysed and attempted. And in this behalfe we trust the rest of the nobilitie joynid with you in the obedience of the king, will joyne with you as in honour and justice they ought to doo. Geven vnder our signet at our Mannour of Richmond, the second of October 1571, the eighteenth yeere of our raigne.

328. MARGARET, COUNTESS OF LENNOX, to JOHN, EARL OF MAR, REGENT OF SCOTLAND, recommending certain persons to his favour. 4th October 1571.¹

My very good lord, thowghe perverse fortune hathe byn suche in that realme

¹ Original letter in the Charter-chest of the Earl of Mar and Kellie.

towardis me that there I have lost my chefest comfortis, having cause sufficent thereby that the remembraunce of the cowntry shulde be grevowse vnto me, yet the naturall love which I have to the yonge kinge, which also your Lordship's frendly dealingis allwayes and last letter, of which I am enformed thoughte I sawe it not, hathe made me yelde to the perswadementis of soume abowte me to wryght at this tyme. And wheare your Lordship hathe now the government, which is soume comfort to me, for thereby I yet hope of the kingis preservacyon, you shalbe assured that what I maye doo in the advancemente of his accyons, I shale not leave any thinge of my power vnaplyed theretoo, I trust soumwhat fordered the cawse. And wheare your Lordship dothe so frendly offer to advaunce the howse agayne to the auncient estate, when soever I shale here the same to be done it shalbe muche to my comfort, but the order how and what waye I refer to your Lordship, who I trust wyll remember the same for his sake that is gone, as also to revenge his cruell end, as I have and shale procure the same in thes partis. And where there is soume money owinge aswell to seruauntis as to other poore men, that the same may be discharged, the rather in respect that all he had was willingly consumed in the kingis service. And for suche gentellmen and others that served him whome he ment to recompence and had no tyme, I commend them to your Lordship to be good vnto them as you maye, and in especyall the berer hereof, who hathe well deserved. And for any that hathe otherwayse, which maye be better knowne to you then to me, vse your discrecyon, as in all thingis elles I refer to your wisdom. And so commitis your Lordshipe and your proceedingis to the proteccyon of the Allmighty. From my house at Hackney this 4th of October 1571.

Your Lordship's assured lovinge frend,

MARGARET LENNOX.

To the right honourable the Erle of Marr, Lord Regent of Scotland, my very good lord.

329. The SAME to the SAME, requesting him to send her some Falcons.

15th October 1571.¹

My very good Lord, wheare as I am informed that there was serteyn fawlcons in the kepinge of the fawlconers, which was ment to have byn sent hether, and beinge also let to vnderstand that the Lord Semple hathe of them ane pryncypall cast.

¹ Original letter in the Charter-chest of the Earl of Mar and Kellie.

which he shulde take from Watty Falconer, and being ernestly desyred by a specyall good frend of myne for them, or the lyke cast as good, thes ar to besche your Lordshipe to be a meane that I may have the sayd cast of falcons sent to Barwike, withe convenyent sped, wheare there taryethe a man frome me to receave them at theyre comynge, or elles an aunswere otherwayes. But the hawkis at this tyme shale so muche pleasure me for my frend, as your Lordship shalbe assured to have the same gratyfyed any waye that in me may lye, as knoweth the Almighty, to whose proteccion I comyt your Lordship. This 15th of October 1571.

Your Lordship's assured lovinge frend,

MARGARET LENNOX.

To my very good Lord, the Erle of Mar, Lord Regent
of Scotland, with spedie.

330. ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF ENGLAND, to JOHN, EARL OF MAR, REGENT OF SCOTLAND, respecting Margaret, Countess of Lennox. November 1571.¹

RIGHT welbeloved cousin, we greete you well. Like as by your owne lettres we perceave your good inclination to furder with your good fauour all the causes of our right deere cousin, the Lady Margaret, Countesse of Lennox, so we well vnderstand by her selfe that she esteemith the same fauour to be the more amply and effectually offred to her for our sake. And for that purpose we haue thought it very convenient both to gue you our most hartie thankes, and to require you to contynue your good will, not only in generalite, as her causes shall require, but also according to the particuler affection whiche commendably she bearith towardis her late husbandis kynne and familie, that you will shew fauour to the Bisshopp of Cathnes, brother to the sayd Erle, her husband, that he may enioye still the priory of Saint Andros, which was bestowed vpon him in recompence of another benefice that he left for that purpose; and lykewise that the intention of the late Regent might be fullfylled, in the bestowing of the bysshoprike of Glasguo towardis the redemption of the landis of the erldom of Lennox, which were morgaged by the said Erle by occasion of his seruice in that realm. In both which particuler suites we perceave our said cousin, the Lady Margaret, hath ernest desyre to haue you to shew as much fauour as you can. And in so dooing we shall accepte the same as benefyttis yelded to vs, which we will not forgett to

¹ Original letter in the Charter-chest of the Earl of Mar and Kellie.

acquite. Gyven vnder our signet at our Mannor of Grynwick, the daye of November 1571, the fourteenth yeere of our raigne.

Your verye louing frende,

ELIZABETH R.

To our right trusty and right welbeloud cousin the Regent of Scotland.

331. ARCHIBALD, EIGHTH EARL OF ANGUS, to Sir FRANCIS WALSINGHAM, Secretary to Queen Elizabeth, as to her Majesty's intentions. 17th June 1581.¹

EFTER my very harty commendationis vnto yow in leafull maner, having hard be my Lord Scrope how favorable hir Maiestie hes schawin hir self towartis me, vpon knawledge maid be yow to hir Maiestie that I was to repaire in this countrey, and sic vtheris as suld happen to be in cumpany with me, of dewty I must rander to hir Maiestie maist humble thankis, prayng yow harty that, as in this behalf I haue found your guid meaning, it will pleis yow to be ane fartherar of hir Maiesties fauour towartis me heirefter, and that be your meanis I may vnderstand quhat it sall please hir Maiestie command me to do, for thairpon will I wquholly repose my self and heir await till I vnderstand farther of hir Maiesties pleasure. Thus resting vpon aduertisment from yow of hir Maiesties guidwill and pleasure, with houp in the meantyme of your fauorable freindschip to the farthering therof, I commit yow to Goddis blissit keping. At Carleille, the xvijth of June 1581.—Your ryght assurit louing freind,

ANGUSS.

To my very louing freind Sir Francis Walsingham, principlall secretary to hir Maiestie and ane of hir Maiesties maist honorable priuie counsell.

332. LETTERS by KING JAMES THE SIXTH authorising William, Lord Ruthven, Treasurer, to uplift and expend the profits from the Mains of Tantallon.²

Apud Dalkeith, xij die mensis Augusti,
Anno Domini I^m v^e lxxxj.

THE Lordis of Secrette Counsale ordains William, Lord Ruthven, Thesaurar to

¹ Original letter in No. 15 of Mr. Riddell's Collection, in the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

² Original in H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh.

oure souerane Lord, to caus intromet with the cornis and crop of the Manis of Thomptalloun, of this instant yeir of God j^m v^e lxxxj yeiris, except the teindis of the samin disponit to Esme, Duke of Lennox, &c., to be led and intromettit with be his seruitouris in his name and to his vse: quhilkis cornis and teindis pertenit of befoir to Archebald, Erll of Angus, Lord Douglas and Abirnethie, and now pertenis to the Kingis Maiestie, and to the said Esme, donatoure to the said teindis throw the proces of horne led aganis the said Erll for his noncomperance befoir the Justice, or his deputis, at a certane day bypast, to haue vnderlyne the law for certane tressonable crymes committit be him, specifeit and contenit in the letteris direct thairvpon. And that the said Thesaurar caus sell and mak penny of the saidis cornis; and of the first and reddiest of the samyn to caus beit and mend his hienes ordinance and artaillierie being within his Maiesties castellis of Edinburgh, Striueling, Dumbertane, and Blaknes in all necessariss neidfull; and to convert samekle of the rest, as sall alsua be thocht neidfull, to the sustentatioun of the keparis of the castell of Thomptalloun, allowand samekle daylie to the keparis thairof as Andro Hwme had the tyme that he kepit the samin.

JAMES R.

LENOX.

MORTONE.

333. ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF ENGLAND, to LORDS JOHN and CLAUDE HAMILTON, respecting their reconciliation with the exiled Earls of Angus and Mar. 10th October 1584.¹

RIGHT trusty and right welbiloud cousins, we grete you well. Vnderstanding by a lettre, not long since written to our Secretary, how redy you ar to yeld to any such order and course as we shuld think mete to be taken for the compounding of such matters in variance as do depend betwen you and the twoo Erles of Angusse and Marr retyred into this realm; for the which we cannot but render vnto youe our moost harty thanks, and withall to pray you to procede to the finishing therof, for which purpos we have, for sum good respects, made an especiall choice of the bearer herof to be a dealer betwen you and them, according to such direction as he hath receaved from vs, wherein we trust he shall fynd no great difficulte, consydering the end of thaccord betwen you tendeth to no other purpos, but that you may be the better hable, being vnited in good will and

¹ Original Letter in Charter-chest of the Duke of Hamilton.

frendship, to do the king, your souuerayn, service, who, we hope, though for the present, through the wicked and malicious practices of sum evill instrumentis about him, he hath withdrawen his fauour from you, will notwithstandingyng in tyme when he shall see the drift of the malice of thies wicked instrumentis to tend but to serve particuler turnes, restore you to the same, and vse your service herafter as apperteyneth to men of your place and qualite; for the performance wherof we shall not faile from tyme to tyme to do all such good offices as may seme to vs moost apt for thaccomplichsing of the same. And so referring you to such further matter as this bearer¹ shall deliver vnto you, we committ you to the tuition of the Almighty. Geven at our Honour of Hampton Court, the tenth day of Octobre 1584, in the xxvj yere of our reign.

Your verey assured cousin,

ELIZABETH R.

To our right trusty and welbilouid cousins the Lords John and Claude Hamiltons.

334. THE EARLS OF HUNTRY, ANGUS, AND ERROL, and the LAIRD OF AUCHINDOUN, to the PROVOST AND MAGISTRATES OF ABERDEEN, threatening to burn that town. 19th July 1594.²

PROVEST, Baillieis, Counsall, and Communite of Abirdene, considering that agains the lawis of nationis, and without any order of justice ze, at the appetyte of sum of our enemeis or [of] indiscreit malice agains us, have tane and imprissonit thre stranglearis gentilmen, quha war cum in the cuntrie (as we ar informit) frome other Christiane princes to sute maist humblie at his majestie, our maister, sum cassis of our distressed estaittes. Thairfoir, as we have travellit with zow by all honest and faire meanis thir dayes bypast for thair releifis, sua now we certifie zow by this present, that without thir gentilmen with thair haill aquippage be put to libertie, randerit and delyverit unto us, we will not onlie esteame of zow as our enemyis in all tymes cuming, bot will instantlie persew zow, zour toun, gudis and geir, baith with fyre and sworde, and all uther kynde of hostilitie consisting in our possibiliteis and power, and it salbe ane perpetuall querrell

¹ An enclosed letter from Secretary Francis Walsingham to Lord John Hamilton introduces the bearer, Mr. Bowes.

² Copy letter in the British Museum, London.

to stand sa lang as our houssis and posteriteis shall last. Thus remitting the rest to zour jugementis and opinoun without we be instantlie satisfit, we geve thir presentis for ane discharge of all assurances bypast, and biddis zow be at zour advantage, written the 19th of July 1594.

Zouris as ze desseir ather presentlie peax or weare,
ANGUS, HUNTLIE.
ERROLL, AUCHINDOUN.

To the provest, baillieis, counsall and communitie of New Abirdene.

335. KING JAMES THE SIXTH to the EARL OF DUNFERMLINE, Chancellor of Scotland, to repay a loan obtained from the burgh of Aberdeen.
5th May 1612.¹

JAMES R.

RIGHT trusty and right weilbeloued cosen and counsellour, and trusty and weilbeloued counsellors, wee greet yow weil. Whereas sute hathe bene maid vnto vs in behalf of the burgh of Abirdeyne, that forasmuch as there wer borrowit, the tyme of oure being in that toun, for the defrayeing of some of our necessare chairges and expensis, the soume of two thousand markes, Scottis money, for payment whereof Williame, Earle of Angus, grandfather to this Earle, become bound; and whereas now of long time past that money being dew, and the said burgh vrgeing the repayment thereof from the said Earle, and als from his sone, the last deceased Earle, and vseeing the laughfull and ordinarie course of justice for the same, they wer by seuerall warrantis vnder our hand and signet, inhibited and dischraiged the proseguition of the same, vnder the Payne of horneing, wee acknowledging by these warrantis the debt to be properlie dew by vs, and that the money wes employed to oure owne vse, and that therefore we oureselfis wold give order for satisfacioun thereof: And notwithstanding that every sessioune almost since oure deceipture furth of that kingdome, as is by the said burgh of Abirdeyne informed, that matter hath bene by them prosequuted, yett notwithstanding vpoun occasioun of these warrantis, graunted by vs, they wer stayed and impedit of any proces, and since this is soe properlie oure dew debt, whereof wee perceave by a letter sent from oure Counsell, there hathe bene some notice and cognitioun taiken, and the said burgh complaing their many burdynes, by

¹ Original letter in H. M. General Register House, Edinburgh.

ressoun they are presentlie in building bothe of their tolbuith and harbery, and their want of moneyes, and therfore humblie intreating for the repayment of that whiche wes of soe long time since borrowed from them : These are to will yow to give order and warrant to the ressaivers of oure rentis there, that they make payment to the said burgh of Abirdeyne, or to such as shall have power in their name to ressaive the same, of the foirsaid sowme of two thousand markes money abouewrittin, and to ressaive sufficient acquittance and dischairge thereof whiche shalbe thankfully allowed to them in their accompts, and thir presents shalbe vnto yow sufficient warrant in that behalfe : and soe wee bid yow fairewell. From owre courte at Whitehall, the fyfe of May 1612.

To our right trusty and right welbeloued cosen and counsellour, the Earle of Dumfermeline, Chancellare, and to oure right trusty and welbeloued counsellors, the remanent Commissioners appoynted for managing of our rentis in oure kingdome of Scotland.

336. KING CHARLES THE FIRST to SIR GEORGE HAY, Chancellor of Scotland, appointing William, eleventh Earl of Angus, a Commissioner for the Borders. 22d October 1625.¹

CHARLES R.

IT is our speciall pleasour that yee renew in our name the two commissions granted by our late deare father, of famous and eternall memorie, for punishment of offenders and keeping good order in those midle shires, sometime called the borders of that kingdome, adding to that granted to the Earles of Nithesdale, Buckleugh, Annandale, and the Lord Yester, Willame, Earle of Angus, and to the other William Douglas of Drumlangrig, Sir Roberte Gordon of Lochinvarre, Sir Roberte Maklelande of Bombie, and Sir Thomas Kirkpatricke of Closburne, if they will accepte of the said burden, for renouation of which commissions these presentes shalbe vnto yow a sufficient warrant. Given at Sarisbury, the 22d day of October 1625.

To our righte trustie and righte welbeloued Counsellour, Sir George Hay, knight, our Chancellour of our kingdome of Scotlande.

¹ Original letter in H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh.

337. KING CHARLES THE FIRST to the CHANCELLOR, and the LORDS OF COUNCIL AND SESSION, in favour of the claim of John, Earl of Lauderdale, to the lands of Braidwood. 13th May 1637.¹

CHARLES R.

RIGHT reuerend father in God, right trustie and welbeloued, wee greete yow well. Whereas wee are informed that the barronie of Braidwood and patronage of the hospitall of St. Leonards were surrendered to our late deare father of blessed memorie, *ad perpetuam remanentiam*, by the Earle of Angus, and thereafter by our roiall father were dispone, first, to John, Lord Thirlstane, chanceler for the time, father to our right trustie and welbeloued cousin and councellour, the Earle of Lauderdale, for his true and faithfull seruice, and thereafter renewed to himself; and hearing that the said Earle his right or possession of the said patronage is contrauerted before yow vpon a pretended title lately acquired from Stuart, sometime of Craigiehall, whose predecessours were aboue a hundred yeares ago denuded of all right thereof in fauours of the Earles of Angus; it is our speciall pleasure that yow aduert particularlie therevnto, and with all the fauour that justice can admitt, that yow tak such course that what was granted for so good and so deserving a cause to our said cousins father and himself, may be still by him enjoyed and possessed; which recommending to your care, wee bid yow farewell. From our Court at St. James, 13 May 1637.

To the right reuerend father in God, John, Lord Archbishop of St. Andrews, our Chancelor of Scotland, and to our right trusty and welbeloued Sir Robert Spotteswood, knicht, President of our Colledge of Justice, and remanent Senatours thereof.

338. KING CHARLES THE FIRST to ARCHIBALD, LORD ANGUS, eldest son of William, first Marquis of Douglas, encouraging him in his service, and referring him for instructions to James, Marquis of Hamilton. 25th May 1638.²

To the Lord of Angus.

RYCHT, etc. Having heard by diverse persons of your good affection to our service, and of your abilities to deserve of vs, as your auncestours have formerly

¹ Original in H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh. The following note is indorsed: —22 Junij 1637. Producit by the Earle of Lauderdale, red and considerit by the Lords,

who declared they will haif consideration there-
of whensoever this bussines within mentioned
shall be agitate befoir thame.

² Copy in Charter-chest of Duke of Hamilton.

done of ours, these are to encourage yow to continue in that course, assureing yourself that wee will esteem of yow hereafter according to your cariage at this time. It is our pleasure that yow attend the councell day at Dalkeith, the 6th of June next, and at such other meettings as yow shalbe advertised of by our ryght trustie and welbeloued cosen and councellour, James, Marquise of Hamilton, etc., our Commissioner for vs, to whom wee have particularly imparted our mynd, and whom yow shall trust in anything he shall deliver vnto yow from vs: wee bid, etc. Whitehall, 25th May 1638.

339. KING CHARLES THE FIRST to the PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND, to grant warrant to Lord James Douglas to raise recruits for his regiment in France. 25th June 1642.¹

CHARLES R.

RIGHT trustie and weilbeloued counsen and counceller, right trustie and weilbeloued counsens and counsellores, right trustie and trustie and weilbeloued counsellors, wee greet yow welle. Haveing formerlie vpon good considerations granted to Colonel Lord James Douglas the levey of one thousand men within that our kingdom for a recrue to his regiment employed in the service of our deare brother, the French king, whiche, be reason of the distractions of the tyme and the general restraint of leveyes condiscendit vpon be ws and our parliament, he hes not as zit fullie effectuat, it is thairfore againe our special pleasure that yow give present wairand to the said Colonel Lord James Douglas, and his officers in his name, to levey and transport within that our kingdome fyve hundredre men for a recrue to his regiment in the service afsaid, with power to thame for this effect to toucke drumes, with all other liberties, priviledges, and immunitiess that hath ever beene granted heirofore to anie in the lyke kynde; he or they alwayes giveing satisfaction to everie one of that nomber, as sall be agreed vpon betwix thame according to the custome in the lyke caises. And for this end, that yow give furth all orders that are vsual and requisit. For doing quhairof these presents sall be your warrant. Given at our Court of York, 25 Junij 1642.

To our right trustie and weilbeloued cousin and counselor, John, Earle of Loudon, Lord Heigh Chanceller of the kingdome of Scotland, and to

¹ Original letter in H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh.

the remnant noblemen and others of our Privie Council of that our kingdome.

Edinburgh, 21 July 1642.—Presented, red, ordand to be registrat, and a commission past accordinglie.

LOUDOUN, Can^{llrius}, I.P.D.

340. WILLIAM, DUKE OF HAMILTON, WILLIAM, VISCOUNT DRUMLANRIG, JAMES, EARL OF ANNANDALE, and WILLIAM, LORD MORDINGTON, Curators of James, second Marquis of Douglas, to [John, Earl of Lauderdale], about their pupil's affairs. c. June 1662.¹

RIGHT HONOURABLE,

THE Lord Marquis of Douglas that now is, having made choise of us (as he hath done of your lordship) to be his curators, wee have bin looking upon the condition of his estate, and find his debts and burthens great, cheafly by reason of his late father's engadgeiments for the Earle of Abercorn; but not a little also through the sufferings of his father and grandfather, the one having bin fide and imprisond by his ounе countriemen, and again fide by the English, the other not only plundered of all he had above the ground, and his houses destroyd, but lykeway fide by the English, and both of them so handld mearly for their loyaltie to their master. Yet this being a comone case, and his majestie being a sufferer now as any of his good subjects, wee leave it to our pupill to be represented by himself in his riper yeeres. Ther is one thing of small importance for the present, which gives us occasion to trouble your lordship, and that too becaus of his Majesties concerne in it. Your lordship's frinde and cousin, the deceast lord of Anguse, bought the Abots house and precinct of Halyrudhouse from the deceast James Livingston of the bedchamber in the yeere 1648, to whom, in the yeere 1641, it was dispond by the late king for monyes applyd to his Majesties proper use, as the writts beare, and as your lordship may well know. This house and precinct being originally not bishops but abots lands, and erected in a temporall lordship, was dispond by the last Lord Halyrudhouse to Mr. James Aickinhead, who sold it to his Majestie, and as his late Majestie bestowd it on the Dean of Edinburgh, who bruiked it only four yeeres, so it falling bak in the king's hands, his Majestie sold it just as he bought it; and this is the treu progress of the right of that house. Wee ar able to make it appear, that it stands to the Lord Marquis above

¹ Original in British Museum.

tuentie thousand merks disbursd by his father for the price and reparations, besyds the farther reparations made since his decease by the lady liferentrix. It is lyke the Bishope or Dean of Edinburgh (being now restord), may put in a clame to that house (as churchmens memories ar never good), but it being as your lordship may sie, not a gift of the kings, nor of the antient patrimonie of bishops, but a pendicle of the erection both bought and sold by his Majesties father of glorious memorie, as is above written, wee hope (this being represented aright to his Majestie, which wee entreat may be done by your lordship) the house and precinct may either continu with the Lord Marquis, or his monyes at least may be restord him; which is according to justice and his Majesties honour, and wherupon your lordships ansuere is expected by

Right honourable, your lordships most humble servants,

HAMILTON.

DRUMLANGRIG.

ANNANDALE.

W. MORDINTON.

341. KING CHARLES THE SECOND to the COMMISSIONERS OF THE SCOTTISH TREASURY, to pay an annuity to Jean, Lady Strathnaver. 3d March 1668.¹

CHARLES R.

WHEREAS, vpon the restitution of the church, wee were graciously pleased to grant a precept of one thousand pounds sterlinc, in consideration of the charges and money laid out by the late Lord Angus vpon the house now belonging to the Deane of Edinbrugh, which soume, as wee are informed, is not yet payd: Our will and pleasure is, that hereafter yow cause pay punctually vnto the Lady Strathnaver the ordinary annualrent of the said soume of one thousand pounds sterlinc vntill the same be payd, and that at two termes in the yeare, Witsonday and Martimas, by equall portions, beginning the first termes payment at Witsonday next: For which this shalbee your warrant. Given at our Court at Whitehall, the 3d day of March 1668² and of our reigne the 20th yeare.

By his Majesties command,

LAUDERDAILL.

For the Commissioners of our Treasauray in Scotland.

¹ Original Letter in Treasury Papers, H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh.

342. GEORGE DOUGLAS, EARL OF DUMBARTON, to WILLIAM, DUKE OF QUEENSBERRY. Acquisition of Salton. London, 16th January 1686.¹

MY dear Lord, I received this morning the honor of your graces of the 9, and thanks you for wishing me joye of Saltoun, which his Majestie hes been graciously pleased to give me as I did dessaire. The warrant he signed this morning, the which I dow thank your grace for your favours in it, and I must beg the continuance of it, for yow shall dow it to non that shall be mor thankfull and more really your seruant without compliment. I have sent the warrent to my brother, Duke Hamilton, to present to your grace, my Lord Chancellor, and other offices which they tell me it most passe, of which I am most ignorant. I have written to Hew Wallace of Engleston, the cashe keper, to go to my brother to pay euyer thing which is to be payed. Your son, the Earl of Drumlanrig, and his lady I haue told to mak what euse the plaize of the howse, which being so neir Edinbrugh, may be conuenient for them. Your grace may be shewr what passes heir that is of any moment I shall gine yow particulaire account of. Sir Andrew Forrester gave me this day Major Whyt's memorall to your grace about the castell of Edinbrugh, the which I shod the king, who ordred me to gine the secretary in waiting, who is the Earl of Muray, to whom I shall give it as shown as I shall see him. I hop your grace will be plaised to tell Hew Wallace what is to be doun, and contineu your helping hand and fauours to him that is, most sincerly, my dear Lord, your Graces most humbl and obedient seruant and brother,

DUNBARTON.

My most humbl seruice to my sister. Tell her, now I am a Scots Laird, I may hop to see her.

For his Grace the Duke of Queensberry, Lord High Treasurer of Scotland,
at Edinburgh.

343. KING WILLIAM THE THIRD to the PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND, to relieve certain companies of the Angus Regiment. 5th December 1690.²

WILLIAM R.

RIGHT trusty and entirely beloved cousin and councellor, right trusty and right welbeloved cousins and councellors, right trusty and welbeloved cousins and

¹ Original at Drumlanrig.

² Original Letter in H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh.

councillors, right trusty and welbeloved councillors, and trusty and welbeloved councillors, wee greet you well. Whereas we are fully satisfied that it will be convenient for our service that these four companies of the Lord Angus his regiment of foot, now in the garrison of Fort William, in our ancient kingdom of Scotland, and these other two companies of the said regiment now in Drummond Castle be relieved, that they may joyn with the rest of the said regiment, therefore wee do hereby authorise and require you forthwith to cause relieve the said six companies of the said regiment, that they may joyn with the rest of the said regiment as aforesaid, for doing whereof these presents shall be your warrant: And so wee bid you heartily farewell. Given at our Court at Kensingtoun, the 5th day of December 1690, and of our reigne the second year.

By his Majesties command,

MELVILL.

To our right trusty and entirely beloved cousin and councillor, our right trusty and right welbeloved cousins and councillors, our right trusty and welbeloved cousins and councillors, our right trusty and welbeloved councillors, and our trusty and welbeloved councillor, William, Duke of Hamilton, President, and the rest of the Lords of our Privy Councell of our ancient kingdom of Scotland.

16 December 1690.—Redd and ordained to be recorded, ordaining four companies of E. Angus regiment in Fort William and two in Drummond Castle to be relieved.

344. JAMES, EARL OF ANGUS, to his father, JAMES, SECOND MARQUIS OF DOUGLAS, requesting permission to join in the campaign against the French. Utrecht, January 1692.¹

MY Lord, I cannot express the extream trouble and grief it is to me to be so long without hearing from your lordship, since it is now near four months that neither Mr. Cranstoun nor I have had the honour of one letter, tho' we have wrote severall times, both of us; so I am assured our letters must have miscarry'd, since the circumstances I am now under are so difficult and of so great importance both to me and, if I dare say, to your lordship also, and the family I have the honour to belong to, that if you had gott my letters you would not have been so long of

¹ Original in No. 15 of Riddell Collection. Advocates' Library, Edinburgh.

letting me know your commands. This made me take the resolution some days agoe to write to my Lord Drumlangrigg, and the Master of Staire, and to intreat that they, toogether with the Duke of Queensberry, Melvill, Tarbat and Carmichell, being all at Court, wou'd consider upon my case, and upon what might be the propperest course for me to take [to] give your lordships advice of their opinion in a letter. My lord, I know too well your lordships goodness and kindness to me beyond most of fathers, and much beyond quhat ever I shall be able in my life to acknowledge with that dutifullness that becomes me, and therefore can protest to yow that I had no other neither design nor prospect in writing to London then simply this, that those persons being the nearest relations of our family, and those whom I have always observ'd most concern'd both in your lordship and in me, I was perswaded that being all at Court, they wou'd have a further view of things, and be more able to judge truly quhat wou'd be fittest for me to doe, then either they themselves or your lordship cou'd doe, being only in Scotland, where they cou'd not so narrowly see the state of things.

I know not whether they will be so good as to doe what I desired of them, but I'm sure, my lord, that all I can ever expect or pretend to hereafter, my honour in the eyes of all the world, and all that ought to be dear to a gentleman, are most deeply concern'd in my conduct at this time. I have been assur'd, both by my Lord Drumlanrig and others, that if I had been in the campagne last year, when Lieut-General Dowglas dyed, I had gott the regiment of Guards, and tho' that's a post more honorable and lucrative then any I can expect to gett in many years to come, yet, my lord, if yow knew the censures past upon my absence, I'm perswaded yow wou'd beleive my missing of that preferment is not the greatest loss I suffer by it. The Master of Staire particularly can inform your lordship how much to my dis honour all the generall officers of the army, all the Court, and I may say all perhaps that knew me in the army, spoke of my being here, while others that were both younger men of quality and only sons as well as I, were there serving as volontiers, tho' they had not half the obligation to doe it that lies upon me, considering my regiment was there in actuall service, and how these reflexions went so far as to be spoke in the king's bed-chamber, and even in his majestys own hearing, till the king had the goodness to take it upon himselfe, and to tell the company that he had commanded me for this last summer to follow my studies.

Tho' this was a great goodness in the king to me, yet, my lord, I may say it sav'd but little of my honour, since even my Lord Portland, the king's own favourite, notwithstanding he both knew at the Hague the king had discharged me

and heard his majesty own it again in the camp, yet after that spoke seriously of it both to my Lord Drumlangrig and Sir John Dalrymple, and fell a laughing at their alledging the king's commands as a thing either procur'd expressly by my friends from the king, or at best commanded by his majesty out of meer bounty and goodness, because he observ'd my relations averse from my serving of him, and Portland told them further, that these sort of commands were not to be obey'd by a young man like me, and that however the king had commanded me not to make the campagne, yet to be sure he wou'd not be ill-pleas'd to see me disobey him, and that I wou'd find it wou'd be my great interest as well as honour to doe it. Besides, when the king spoke to the Master of Staire last spring at the Hague, to discharge me from coming to the fields, he told him expresly, he wou'd not hinder me the next year, which coming from the king, any man will interpret as a positive command. Lieut.-Generall Dowglas, tho' but few days in the camp, was pleas'd, both to his nephew and Sir Robert Dowglas, in that time to show a great concern in me, and spoke of my absence in so strong terms, that he told them it had been better for me to've been there, tho' I shou'd have come barefoot and without a whole coat, and was pleas'd to say that the next year he wou'd come himselfe and pull me from Utrecht to the camp, tho' he shou'd be oblig'd to seeke a contribution from my friends that are officers in the army for my subsistence there, since it was the only way I had both to make my own fortune and contribute to the establishing of the family I belong'd to; and Major-Generall Talmash spoke of my absence with great heat to my Lieut.-Colonel, and told him I wou'd ruin my selfe and family by it, notwithstanding he knew well enough that the king had commanded me to stay there.

When these people who are all my friends have spoke of my being from the campagne, your lordship may be pleas'd to consider what other persons, both princes and generall officers of the allies army, to most of whom I have the honour to be known, at least in a general acquaintance, will say of it, and with what freedom they will pass their censures on me. I'm not capable to make those deep reflexions upon my own interest that your lordship and others of your relations, who are much wiser than I, can do, but it seems obvious to me, that considering the low circumstances of our family, it will be impossible for me ever to raise myselfe, or indeed to live as your son ought to doe, unless I have the kings favour and be able to obtain both his majestys protection and some pension or place to help me and releive your lordship of the burden of maintaining me hereafter, and I find that the wisest of those that are

about the court think not only that the making of a campagne will be the surest way to gett some part in his majestys good graces, but that unless I doe it I can never have the face to pretend hereafter at court to any thing nor any of my friends the confidence to sollicit for me. And, for my own part, if I can make but this campagne, as I hope it will remove the foul censures that have past on my last years absence, so if I do not make it I don't see that I can ever, without shame and confusion, look any man of honour in the face hereafter either at home or abroad, and I have reason to apprehend I'le be look'd upon by all men as a coward and one that is a dishonour to your lordship, and to the family ; and I beleive the only part that will be left fittest for me after it will be that your lordship shou'd call me home and let me spend my life as a private gentleman in the countrey.

I hope your lordship will not condemn me for it if the sense of this touches me so near, since all that ought to be dear to a man upon earth seems to be lying at the stake with me in it, and when people consider the race I am come off, and the illustrious things done by our predecessors, it will serve but to heighten my blame and confusion, and I'm sure the worlds contempt of me. Therefore I earnestly beg, my dearest lord, by all your lordships goodness to me and by all the kind affection yow have ever been pleas'd to show to me all my life hitherto, that yow would consider on this as a thing that concerns your own honour and the honour of the family of Dowglas as well as mine in particular, and that, if it be possible in any way of the world, yow wou'd lett me wait upon the king this summer, tho I shou'd doe it in never so poor and mean a way. I know your lordships straits and the difficulty yow may have to live, much less to furnish me money upon this occasion, and I confess I do not see well how it can be done ; but if there were any possibility of it I'm perswaded it will be laying out money the most profitable way that ever I can spend it, even in point of interest, and that it will be a fair if not certain way of giving me access to obtain things hereafter of the king that may doe much more than make up quhat has been given out on this occasion. And, besides, I have heard both my Lord Drumlangrigg and the Master of Staire say, as well since the campagne as last Spring while we were upon this subiect, that if your lordship consented once freely to my making a campagne, they were perswaded there might be some sum of money gott from the king to help to putt me in a condition to doe it with, and I perswade myselfe that both they two and my Lord Carmichell wou'd need but to be desir'd by your lordship to doe some thing for me in it. But the season is now so far advanc'd that I know not what to doe since it's very like the king himselfe will be in the fields before eight or

nine weeks at furthest, and however small an equipage I have there will be still many things that will be of an absolute necessity for me in case you allow me to goe, and which I will have but a very short time to prepare.

I intreat, therefore, your lordship will lett me know your commands so soon as is possible, for ther's now no time to loose and I'm sure yow will be satisfy'd that it is necessary I be determined to one thing or another before the king comes over here, since if I be not to make the campagne, I can neither appear at court nor stay at this place without the king's knowing himselfe that I am here. If I am to make the campagne I beleive it wou'd not do ill, so soon as your lordship comes to a resolution in it, if yow should write to the Secretary and Drumlangrigg to see if they can fall upon a way to obtain any thing from the king to help to make me an equipage. I only long to heare from your lordship. I know yow will command me nothing but what shall be the fittest for me to doe, so I trust to it and shall strive above all things while I live to carry always as becomes, my Lord,

Your lordships most dutifully obedient and most affectionate son,

ANGUS.¹

345. ARCHIBALD, DUKE OF DOUGLAS, to ANDREW FLETCHER, LORD MILTON,
sending a Jacobite prisoner. Douglas Castle, 10th November 1745.²

SIR, the neighbouring parish of Lesmehagow have apprehended a person, with a servant along with him, who said he was going to Moffat, and, as he was in Highland dress, they suspected him to be going to the Pretender's army, so they apprehended him and found on him some letters which he had tore into small pieces before he was apprehended. And as they have apply'd to me as Justice of the Peace, I thought I could do less in discharge of my duty to my king and countrey than to send him prisoner in to you, along with the torn letters carefully inclosed, that you may examine him. As the person is at Lesmehagow, I have sent my chamberlain here to appoint a guard to come along with him to you. I

¹ The above letter is followed by a rough draft of a letter (writer unknown) referring to the reported death of the young Earl of Angus, and sending a copy of the preceding letter, which had the effect the Earl desired, as he was allowed to take the field. His

father's hesitation, it is said, arose chiefly from his being an only son and the hope of the family. Dated at Edinburgh, 23d August 1692.

² Original at Salton Hall.

shall always be ready to embrace every opportunity of serving my king and countrey to the utmost of my power.

I am, Sir, your affectionate friend and most humble servant,

DOUGLAS.

P.S.—Please to write me your advise whither I have done right in this or not, or what I shall do with these people that are going and coming to and from the Pretender's army.

DOUGLAS.

346. THE SAME to THE SAME, acknowledging courtesies, etc. Douglas Castle, 8th March 1746.¹

MY LORD, I had the favour of your Lordship's most obliging letter by Stock-briggs. You'll allow me again to return you my most hearty thanks for your kindness and many civilitys to me, especially that you are so good as to say you will make my compliments to His Royal Highness, Prince William, and to assure him of my attachment to the king and all the royal family. I will say no more upon that subject, because I know you can put it in far better and more proper words then I can. However, when the Duke comes to Edinburgh, if it is possible for me, I will come and do myself the honour to kiss His Royal Highness's hands, and then I hope to see you in perfect good health, and give you my thanks for the many favours received. Please to give my most humble service to my Lady Milton.

I am, with great esteem, your Lordship's affectionate friend and most humble servant,

DOUGLAS.

347. THE SAME to THE SAME, recommending Mr. Thomas Whyte to the Church of Liberton. Douglas Castle, 5th January 1752.²

MY LORD, I have allways had the pleasure and setisfaction to believe that you was my sincear friend and well wisher. Now I take the liberty to desire your friendship to Mr. Thomas Whyte. He is son to Stockbriggs, who has been my very good friend and greatly serviceable to me these five and twenty years or upwards. His Majesty has been pleased to give or present him the Kirk of Liberton, and as I truly believe he is a worthy Christian and good preacher, so I

¹ Original at Salton Hall.

² *Ibid.*

am fully persuad'd you will join me heartily in it. I have reason to believe the Duke of Argyle and the Earl of Hyndford will join us, and then I think there will be nothing to stop a peaceable settlement. Pray you tell my Lady Milton that I was never so vex'd at my self that I had not taken her and her company pris'inors when they came so near Douglas Castle. I can assure you they would have got all the best things that I had or could have commanded.

I am, my dear Lord, with great esteem, your sincar friend and most humble servant,

DOUGLAS.

348. LADY JANE DOUGLAS to ANDREW FLETCHER, LORD MILTON, requesting
an interview. 6th September 1753.¹

MY LORD, I have often regreted since I came to Scotland that I have never been so happy's to have an opportunity of paying my respects to my Lady Milton, nor of seeing your Lordship but once, with whom I have some things that concerns me to talk over, if therefore your Lordship wou'd honour me with an enterview any day this week, at any hour you shall please to appoint, at Lady Mary Hamilton's house in Edinburgh, which is near the Parlement House, I shall be there to attend you, and shall take up but a few moments of your time. I am, with the most sincere attachment, and with infinite esteem,

My Lord, yours Lordship's most obliged and most humble servant,

JANE DOUGLAS STUART.

I ofer my regardfull compliments to my Lady Milton, and to the young ladies. Lady Mary Hamilton's house is in Dow's Close, at the Earl of Stair's head.

¹ Original letter at Salton Hall.

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